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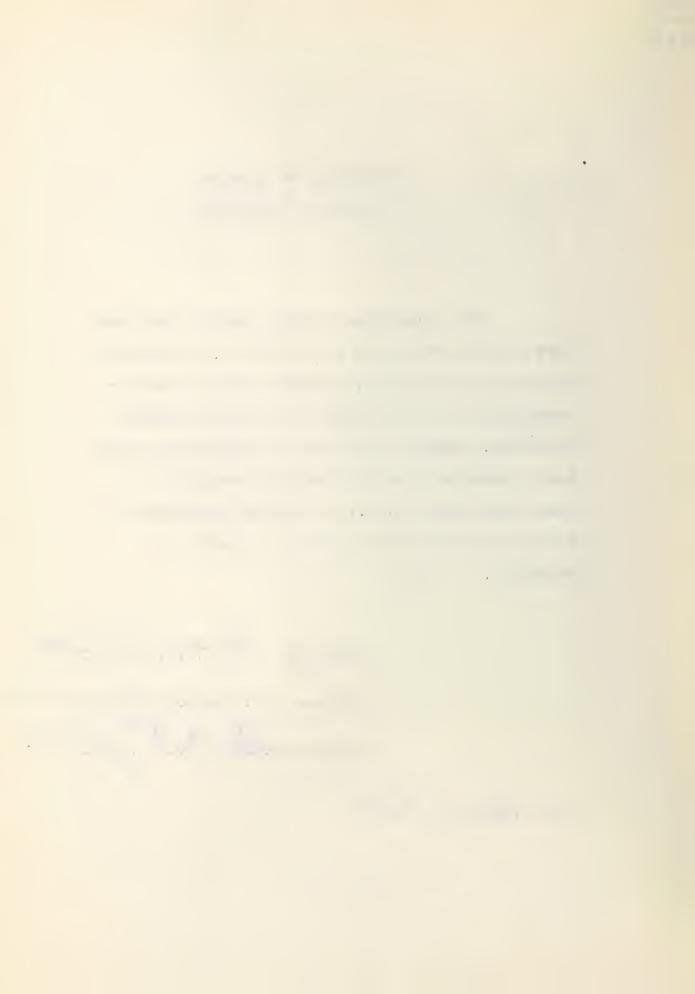
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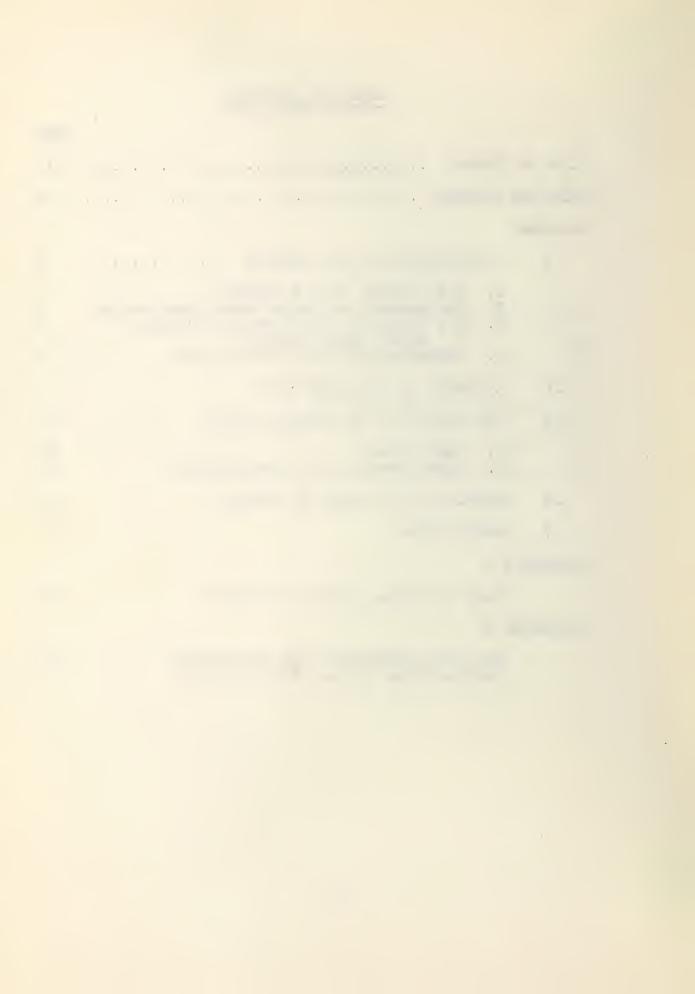
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CHAPTER I

A DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEM

1. The History of the Problem

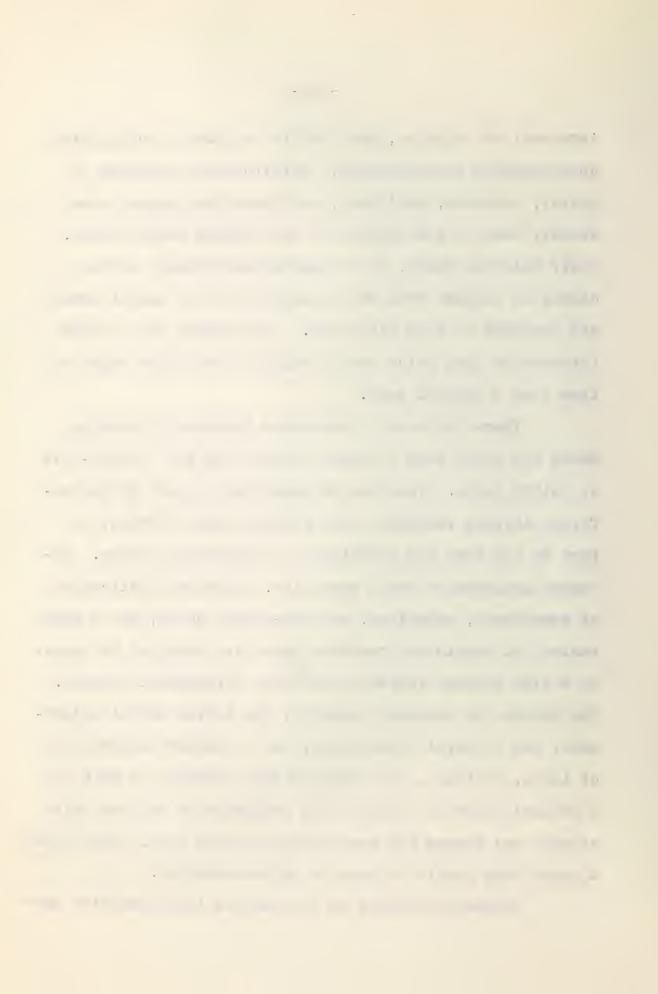
As a result of recent social and educational developments there is an urgent need for more critical interpretation and more intelligent adjustment to all one hears, sees, and reads than has usually been required in the past. study is an investigation into the relationship between mental abilities, reading abilities and knowledge of some of the basic concepts in social studies. But there is nothing new in the thesis that intelligent social living depends to a large extent on reading. Due to the Protestant Reformation, individual responsibility was substituted for that of the priesthood and the authority of the Bible replaced that of the Church. Thus arose the need to read the Bible on the part of the individual, and this need hastened the development of vernacular languages and necessitated elementary schools to provide instruction in reading. Three centuries ago the colonial children on this continent were sent to school to learn to read the Bible as preparation for worthy membership in a society dominated by religion. The passage of time brought wars and revolutions, enlight enment and social betterment. The revolutions in France and America particularly, were accompanied by notable changes in education. Even so, today, we are still turning to the printed page as the best means of providing democracy with an intelligent citizenry, one that is informed about national and

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international affairs, one that is capable of acting with understanding and restraint. Multitudinous problems of social, economic, political, and industrial moment constantly come to the surface of our complex social order. Their solution rests, to a considerable extent, on the degree of insight with which members of this social order are prepared to cope with them. The greater part of the information upon which their judgments are based comes to them from a printed page.

There has been a tremendous increase in reading among the great mass of people within the last twenty-five or thirty years. This can be explained in part by the enforced leisure resultant from shorter hours of work, in part by the need for adjustment to industrial change. Expanded programs of adult education, increased publication of newspapers, magazines, and low-priced books, and a wide variety of simple and readable materials designed to appeal to a wide reading audience are other influential factors. The desire for economic security, for better social adjustment, for cultural advancement, for a greater understanding of local, national, and international problems as well as a determination to evaluate the proposals of various individuals and groups for re-directing social life, have caused a great many people to turn to serious reading.

Although interest in reading has increased with sur-



reading is serving as wide a function in social life as it might. Gray (1), among others, points out that communication by means of reading is far less effective than we have been led to believe. He says:

"Extended studies made at the adult level show that from 1/3 to 2/5 of the adult population of the United States are unable to read, with ease and understanding, material of sixth grade difficulty. They also show that the great bulk of the literature for adults is above that grade level in difficulty. These facts emphasize the urgent need of simple reading material for adults of limited reading ability and the importance of increasing the achievement of pupils well above the sixth grade."

While this statement refers directly to the United States there is little reason to suppose that the situation is markedly different in this country, and indeed, there is a growing concern about the reading interests and abilities of students at all levels of general education. In this connection schools and colleges face the responsibility of promoting growth in reading throughout the period of general education and of developing at each level of advancement broader interests and greater efficiency in reading than commonly prevails today. But it has been known long since that, as a general thing, pupils show little growth in what are known as the fundamental reading habits -- or in the

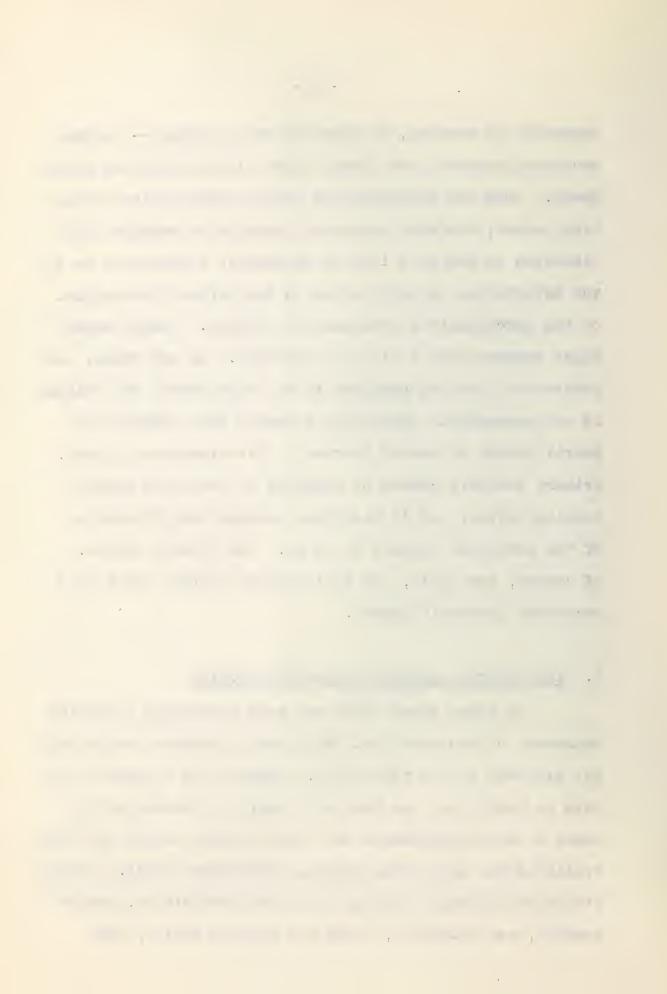
William S. Gray. "A Decade of Progress," The Teaching of Reading: A Second Report, p.16. The Thirty-sixth Yearbook of the National Society for the Study of Education, Part I. Bloomington, Illinois: Public School Publishing Co., 1937.

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mechanics of reading, if there be such a thing -- in the secondary schools, and indeed, very little after the fifth grade. From the standpoint of reading instruction in the high school, the most important question is whether this situation is due to a lack of systematic instruction or to the maturation, at this period in the life of the pupils, of the psychological processes of reading. Common sense might suggest that it is a bit of both. In any event, the presence of reading problems in the high school and college is not necessarily convincing evidence that reading was poorly taught or poorly learned in the elementary school. Primary teachers cannot be expected to teach the higher reading skills, and it therefore becomes the obligation of the secondary teacher to do so. The primary skills, of course, are basic, and deficiencies therein add to the secondary teacher's burden.

2. The General Attitude Toward the Problem

Of later years there has been developing a growing awareness of the essential relationship between reading and the subjects of the curriculum. Reading has assumed a new role in education, the role of a tool or a technique by means of which references and other printed matter are made available for use in the various curricular fields. In addition to the basic reading skills of recognition, comprehension, and retention, there are complex skills, used

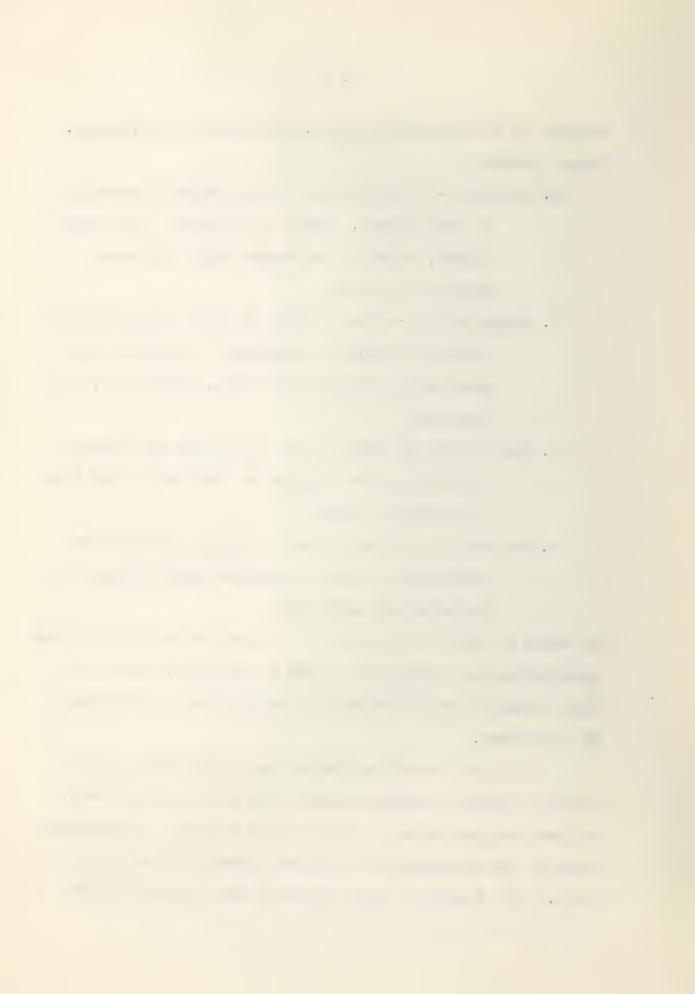


chiefly in the curriculum field, which must be developed. These include:

- 1. location -- the ability to find relevant material, to use indexes, tables of contents, card catalogues, standard reference books and other guides to reading;
- 2. organization -- the ability to select and evaluate ideas for specific purposes, to determine the relevance of particular books, selections, and passages;
- 3. the ability to adjust rate of reading and methods of study to the purpose at hand and to the type of material selected;
- 4. the ability to use ideas in oral and written expression, in solving problems and carrying out
 projects and activities.

In addition there is the skill of appreciation which is both intellectual and aesthetic in its composition, and is of great significance in recreatory reading and the enjoyment of literature.

Too few intensive studies have been made of the specific reading problems peculiar to each content field, but teachers and school officials are becoming increasingly aware of the prevalence of reading disability and its effects. It is becoming more apparent that adequate provi-



sion for reading needs is essential at every level of advancement, no matter how thoroughly reading is taught in the elementary school.

3. The Nature of the Specific Problem Under Investigation

The purpose of this investigation is to ascertain the relationship between reading ability and mental ability, on the one hand, and knowledge of some of the basic concepts of social studies, on the other, in a cross-sectional element of Alberta High School graduates; to determine statistically whether such a relationship exists; and to determine statistically the extent of any such relationship.

4. Procedure of This Investigation

- (1) Administration of tests to measure
 - a. Mental ability,
 - b. Reading ability,
 - c. Knowledge of Social Studies Concepts.
- (2) Determination of the correlations between scores obtained on
 - a. Test of Mental Abilities and Social Studies Concepts Test,
 - b. Test of Reading Abilities and Social Studies Concepts Test.
- (3) Evaluation of the significance of the statistical relationship.

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CHAPTER II

A SURVEY OF THE LITERATURE

Educational and psychological writings contain abundant evidence of the presence of reading disability. In a group of 1130 children, Durrell (1) found that 15.2% were reading at a year or more below standard for their mental ages; and 3%, two years or more. Durrell and Sullivan (2) found that of 6000 pupils, grades II to VI, 14.6% were reading at a level one year or more below their listening comprehension; and 3.4%, two years or more below. This unfortunate condition does not exist only in the elementary school. There is a surprisingly large number of deficient readers in the high school and in colleges, as revealed by objective tests. In some classes from 20 to 25% of the students have been found to be unable to read with understanding the materials ordinarily assigned. (3)

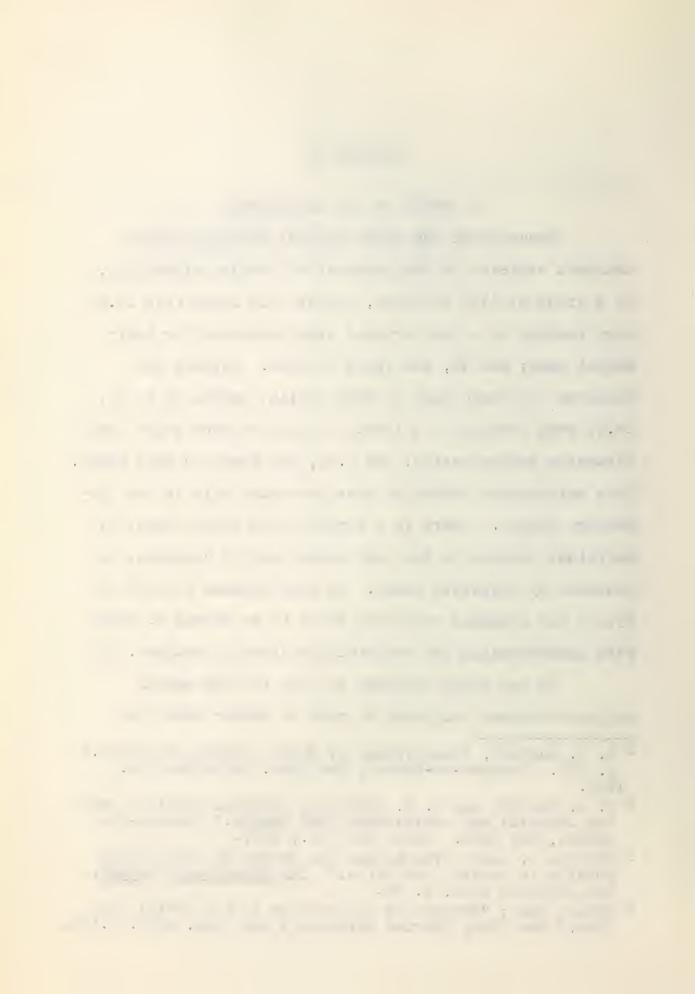
In one study reported by Horn (4) the median college freshman was found to read no better than the

D. D. Durrell, "Improvement of Basic Reading Abilities." p. 278. Yonkers-on-Hudson, New York. World Book Co., 1940.

D. D. Durrell and H. B. Sullivan, "Durrell-Sullivan Reading Capacity and Achievement Test Manual." Yonkers-on-Hudson, New York. World Book Co., 1937.

William S. Gray: "The Nature and Extent of the Reading Problem in General Education." The Educational Record, XIX, January 1938, p. 90.

⁴ Ernest Horn: "Methods of Instruction in the Social Studies." New York; Charles Scribner's and Sons, 1937. p.174.



upper 15% of the ninth grade tested, and 10% of them could not read as well as the median ninth grader.

Howard R. Anderson (5) holds that, in Social Studies, if the pupil cannot find materials bearing on the assigned topics, if he cannot understand the content which he has read, if he cannot interpret the maps and graphs included in his textbook, he certainly cannot be expected to make progress in achieving the more remote goals of instruction.

mands have distinct advantages wherever the use of printed materials is concerned. Pertinent evidence to this effect is found in the results of studies of the relation between reading achievement and scholastic success. Book (6), for example, has shown that ability to read rapidly and efficiently is closely related to success in college. His findings also show that ability to read well is more important for success in some subjects than in others. According to McCallister (7) the correlations between comprehension in reading and success in survey courses in junior college

⁵ Howard R. Anderson: "Testing Basic Skills in the Social Studies." <u>Elementary School Journal</u>. Vol. 36., February 1936, pp. 424-35.

⁶ William F. Book: "How Well College Students Can Read." School and Society. XXVI. August 1927, pp. 242-48.

⁷ J. M. McCallister. "The Effectiveness of Remedial Instruction in Reading in the Junior High School." School Review. XXXIX. February 1931, pp. 97-111.

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range from .47 for physical science to .67 for English.

A study by Ruth Strang (8) of the relationships between reading ability and scholastic success in both high school and college shows a range of coefficients of correlation from .16 to .70 with the majority falling between .30 and .50.

For a group of about 500 elementary school pupils, grades 3 to 8, whose IQ's ranged from 98 to 105, McKee (9) obtained correlations between the reading test of the Stanford Achievement battery and other tests of the battery as follows:

reading	and	spelling	.55
reading	and	language	.66
reading	and	arithmetic reasoning	.56
reading	and	arithmetic computation	.42
reading	and	nature study	.71
reading	and	history	.71
reading	and	literature	.71

There is also evidence accumulating to indicate that study skills, while positively related to other measured abilities, are not identical with them, and therefore need direct attention. Listed below are some of the relationships found between scores on the Morse-McCune Social Studies Skills Test (College Form), and other measures for two hundred representative freshmen in the Gene-

⁸ Ruth Strang: "Problems in the Improvement of Reading in High School and College." p. 28. Science Press Printing Co., Lancaster, Pa., 1938.

⁹ P. McKee. "Reading and Literature in the Elementary School." Boston; Houghton-Mifflin Co., 1934. pp. 36-45.

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 ral College of the University of Minnesota. (10)

	Variable	Correlation
1.	American Council on Education Psychological Test (1937 form).	.41
2.	Cooperative English Test	•23
3.	Nelson-Denny Reading Test	.41

Within the last twenty-five years educators have begun to insist that pupils be taught the wisest and best utilization of reading skills and much evidence has been brought forth to justify their demands. In 1925 Reeder(11) divided several hundred fifth-grade children into groups on the basis of their scores on several reading tests, their age, and their standing on a test of historical information. One half of these children studied their reading assignments as usual, while the other half were shown how to make summaries and then were required to use summarizing as a technique in their daily preparation of lessons. This difference in study methods resulted in increased mastery of the subject matter by the latter group as shown by repeating the tests for both the experimental and non-experimental groups, at the end of twelve weeks.

[&]quot;Adapting Instruction in the Social Studies to Individual Differences." Fifteenth Yearbook of the National Council for the Social Studies. 1944. p. 94.

¹¹ E. H. Reeder: "A Method of Directing Children's Study of Geography." Teacher's College Contribution to Education No. 193. Bureau of Publications, Columbia University. 1925.

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In addition to attaining a better understanding, the trained children had been equipped with one technique for forcing a distinction between the important and the unimportant — that is, they had developed a general method of study. Reeder claimed that "both the summary and the outline were well worth teaching, not only as a means of improving comprehension but also as permanent equipment by use of which meaning may be extracted from an exposition."

Bining and Bining (12), in <u>Teaching the Social</u>

Studies in the <u>Secondary Schools</u>, advocated that emphasis be laid on developing the techniques of reading, on measurement of reading ability by diagnostic tests, and on the application of remedial measures. They recommended instruction in the preparation of cutlines and summaries, and in the mechanical make-up of books, including the purpose of foot-notes, and the meaning of footnote abbreviations, the use of the table of contents, and of the index.

A pioneer effort in diagnostic testing began in 1935 with the construction of the Iowa Every-Pupil Test of Basic Skills. Anderson (13) says that when the battery of tests was administered, evidence of achievement in basic skills seemed to indicate that Iowa pupils completing their elementary education were inadequately prepared to do effec-

¹² Bining and Bining: "Teaching the Social Studies in the Secondary School." McGraw-Hill Book Co. Inc., New York, 1935. p. 292.

¹³ Howard R. Anderson. op. cit. pp. 424-35.

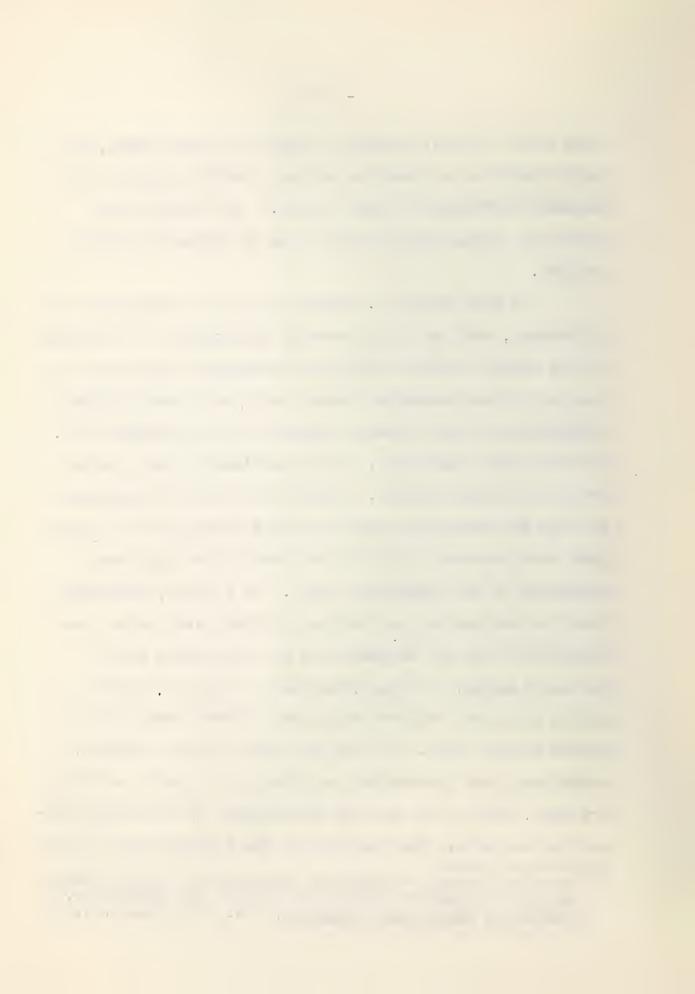
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tive work in social studies at the high school level, and that "there is no reason to assume that the situation is markedly different in other states." Nor have we any reason to assume that the situation is different in this country.

In 1944 Gerald A. Yoakam (14) of the University of Pittsburgh, writing on the concept of reading as it relates to the school subjects advocated systematic instruction in reading at the elementary school level and later incidental instruction at all levels in relation to the content area. He states that the child, in the curriculum field, meets new and strange concepts. Unless the teacher is prepared to help him understand these concepts he may fail to interpret them correctly and thus not profit from the ideas presented in the curricular field. It follows, therefore, that the teacher in the curricular field must assume responsibility for the adequate use of fundamental skills already learned, for the development of new and special skills required, and for the general effectiveness of the reader in his field. He must know the reading problems, techniques, and procedures, how they are learned, how they are used, and how to use them effectively in the accomplishment of his aims. But teachers of the content fields often

¹⁴ Gerald A. Yoakam: "Essential Relationships between Reading and the Subject Fields or Areas of the Curriculum."

Journal of Educational Research. Vol. 38, 1944-45. p.462.



question the value of devoting any time to guidance in reading on the grounds that it defeats in part the achievement of the aims of teaching their respective subjects. This viewpoint is definitely refuted by the results of a controlled experiment by Rudolf (15) which aimed to determine the effects of one term of reading instruction in a Social Studies class. Both groups were taught by experienced Social Studies teachers who followed the same course of study and used the same textbooks and other teaching aids. However, the teachers of the experimental group adjusted the techniques and materials used to provide specific training in needed reading and study skills as an integral part of the units studied. The findings showed that "statistically significant gains in social studies knowledge, study skills, and reading comprehension were made by all classes in the experimental group", and in excess of gains made by the control group. The investigator concluded that the study "demonstrates the desirability of providing reading instruction in social studies classes in order that the pupils may more adequately master the social studies."

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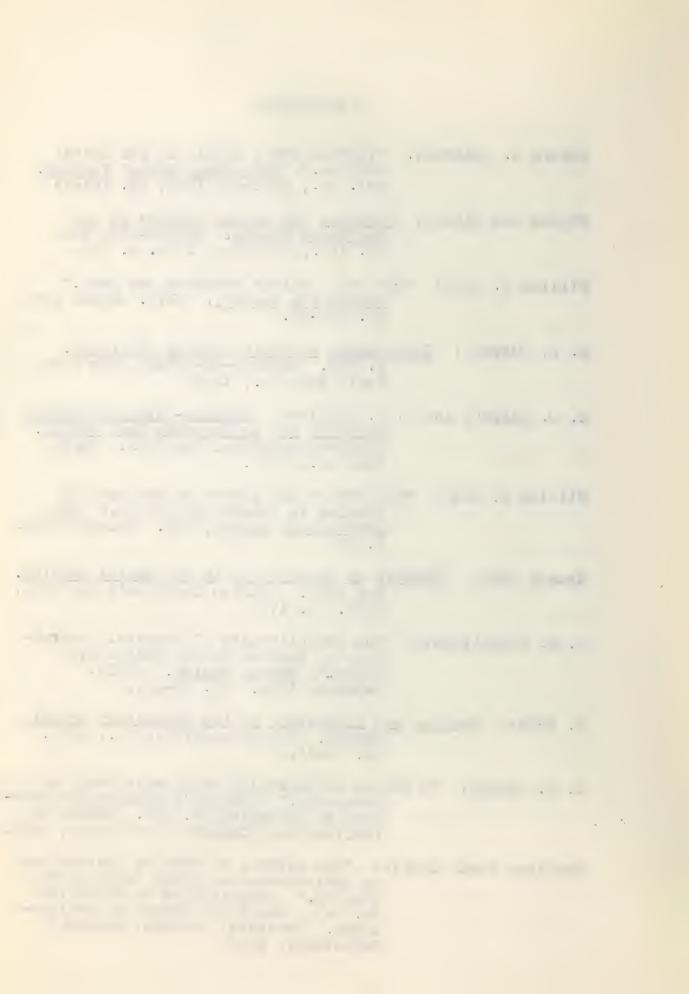
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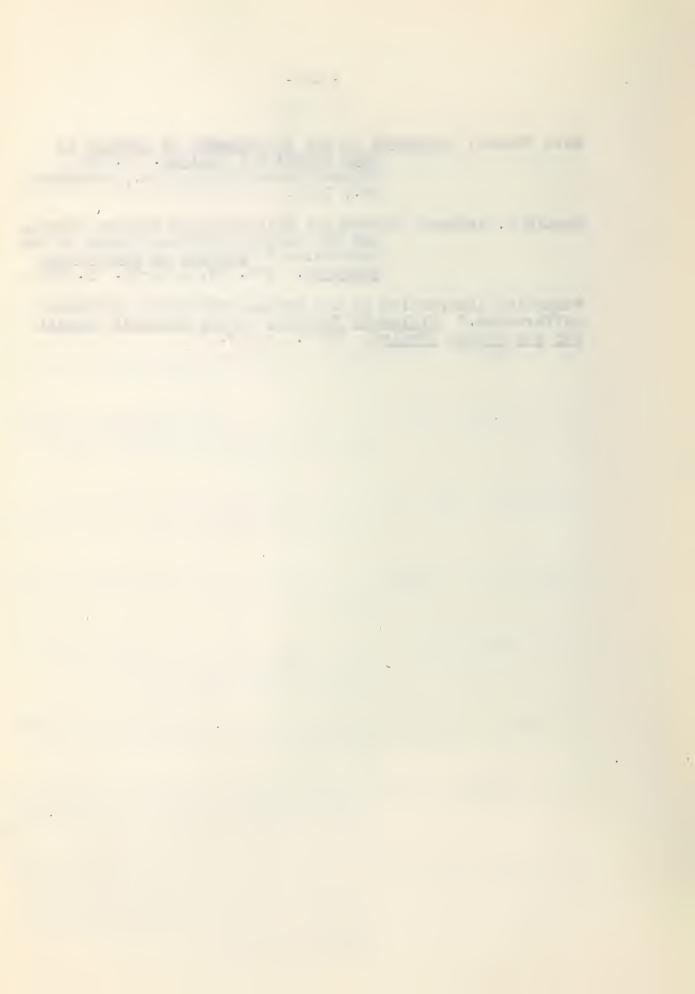


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CHAPTER III

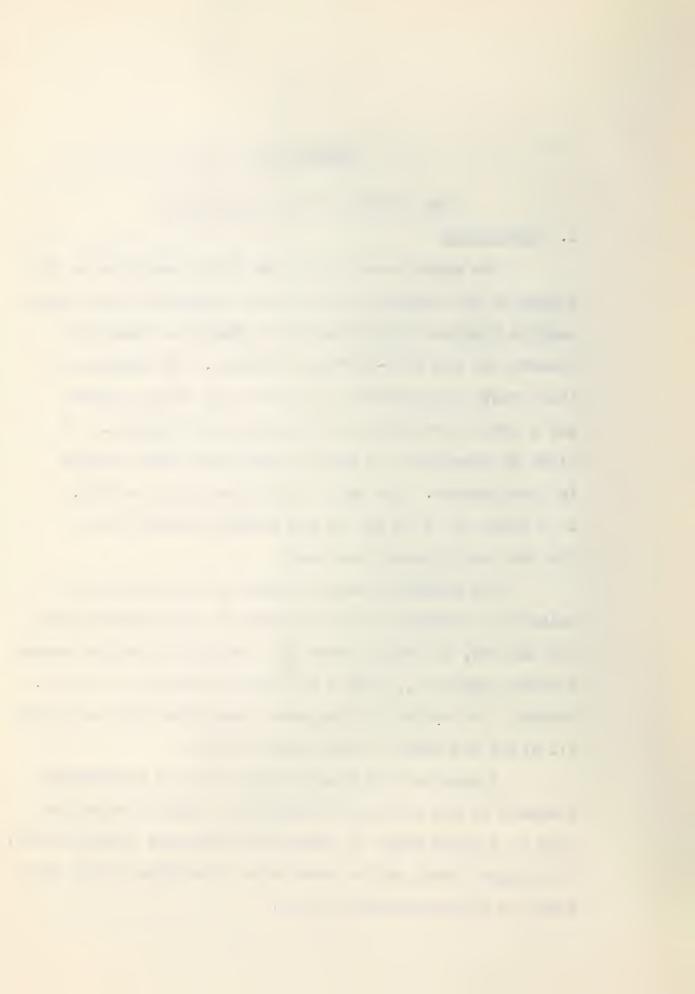
THE NATURE OF THE INVESTIGATION

1. Population

The experimental group for this investigation consisted of 274 students in the Junior Elementary and Intermediate Program in the Faculty of Education, Edmonton, Alberta, in the 1949-50 winter session. All members of this group had received an Alberta High School Diploma and a small percentage had complete matriculation. As might be expected, the group tested well above average in intelligence. The median IQ of the group was 118.1 in a range of 92 to 139 in the results obtained from the one intelligence test used.

The academic qualifications of the group made it eminently suitable for the purposes of this investigation for all had, of course, obtained credits in the high school courses English 1, 2 and 3 and Social Studies 1, 2 and 3. Further, the members of the group came from high schools of all types and from all over the province.

A group of 100 Junior Elementary and Intermediate students in the Faculty of Education, Calgary Branch, was used in a pilot study in connection with this investigation. The Calgary group may be considered comparable in all respects to the experimental group.



2. Tests used in the Investigation

Test data was collected for 274 students from the administration of the following tests:

- 1. Test of Mental Ability:
 Vocational Guidance Centre Intelligence Indicator Intermediate, Grades VII XII.
- 2. Test of Reading Ability:

 Iowa Silent Reading Test -- Advanced Test -- Form Am -
 Revised.
- 3. Test of Subject Matter Achievement:
 Social Studies Concepts Test.

In the pilot study on the Calgary group the second draft of the Social Studies Concepts Test was used.

THE VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE CENTRE INTELLIGENCE INDICATOR

This test is an adaptation of the Henmon-Nelson

Tests of Mental Ability by M. D. Parmenter, M.A., Lecturer

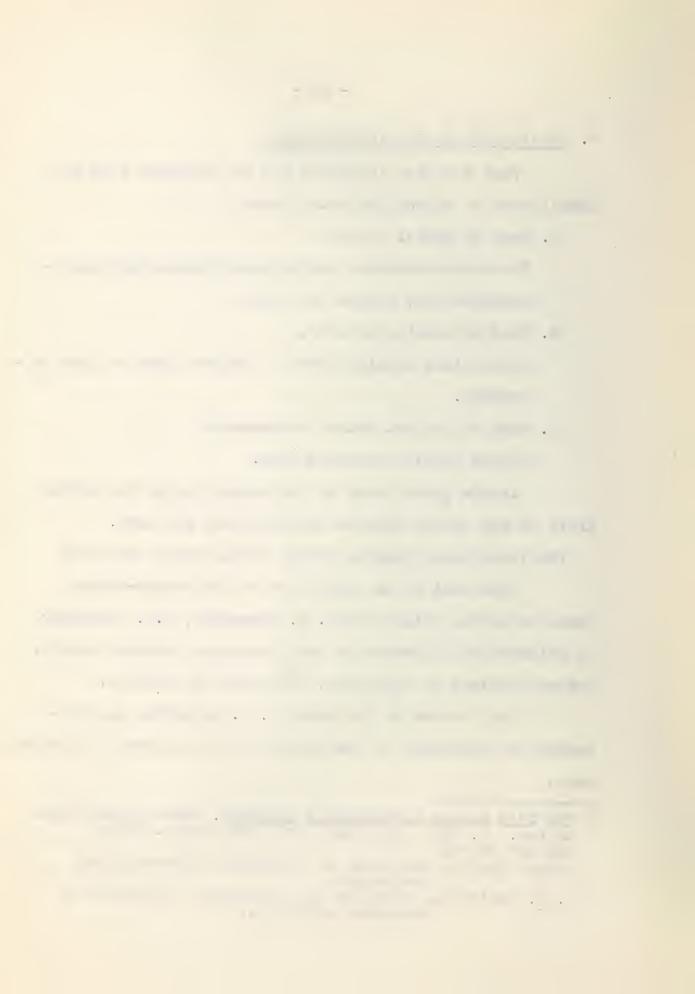
in Guidance and Director of the Vocational Guidance Centre,

Ontario College of Education, University of Toronto.

In a review of the test, J. P. Guilford, (1) Professor of Psychology at the University of Southern California, says:

The 1940 Mental Measurements Yearbook. Oscar Krisen Buros Editor. p. 222. Highland Park, New Jersey. 1941. see Reviews by August Dvorak, Professor of Education, University of washington,

J. P. Guilford, Professor of Psychology, University of Southern California.



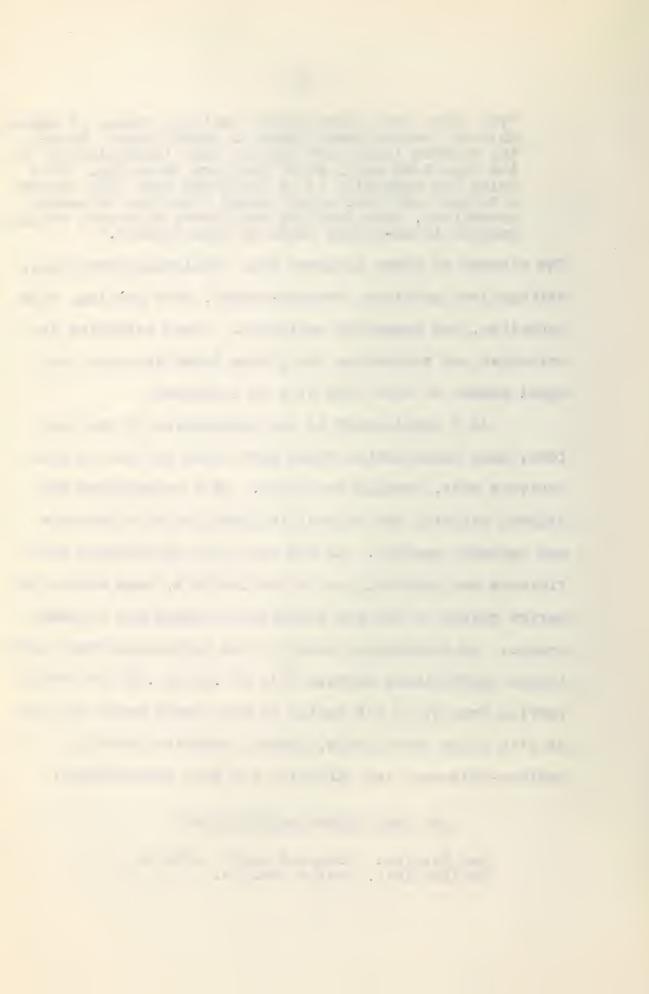
"The tests are appropriately entitled 'Tests of Mental Ability' rather than 'Tests of Intelligence' though the authors imply very clearly that 'Intelligence' is the important unity which they are measuring. This being the emphasis, it is fortunate that they include a variety of items which demand a variety of mental operations, thus touching many areas of mental ability sampled in so-called tests of intelligence."

The classes of items included are: following directions, arithmetical problems, "common-sense", word meaning, word opposites, and geometric analogies. These varieties are scrambled and rotated so that, when taken in order, an equal number of each kind will be attempted.

As a preliminary to the preparation of the test form, many experimental items were tried out and an item analysis made, usually two times. As a consequence the highest validity and reliability that is now attainable was probably secured. At any rate, the reliability coefficients are typically up in the low 90's, even within the narrow ranges of ability provided by single age or grade groups. In determining validity the authors secured correlation coefficients between IQ's of .72 to .88 for groups varying from 57 to 554 pupils to whom these tests and one of five other tests (Otis, Terman, American Council, Kuhlman-Anderson, and Illinois) had been administered.

THE IOWA SILENT READING TEST

New Edition. Advanced Test: Form Am Revised 1943. World Book Co.



This test was prepared by:

- H. A. Greene, Director, Bureau of Educational Research and Service. University of Iowa,
- A. N. Jorgensen, President, University of Connecticut, and
- V. H. Kelley, University Appointment Office, University of Arizona.

The Iowa Silent Reading Advanced Test is designed to measure the proficiency of pupils in high school and junior college in doing silent reading of the work study type. The unit skills measured are as follows:

> Test 1. Rate and Comprehension. Science material. Social studies material.

Test 2. Directed Reading.
Test 3. Poetry Comprehension.

Test 4. Word Meaning. Social studies. Science. Mathematics. English.

Test 5. Sentence Meaning.

Test 6. Paragraph Comprehension. Selection of central idea of paragraph. Identification of details essential to the meaning of the paragraph.

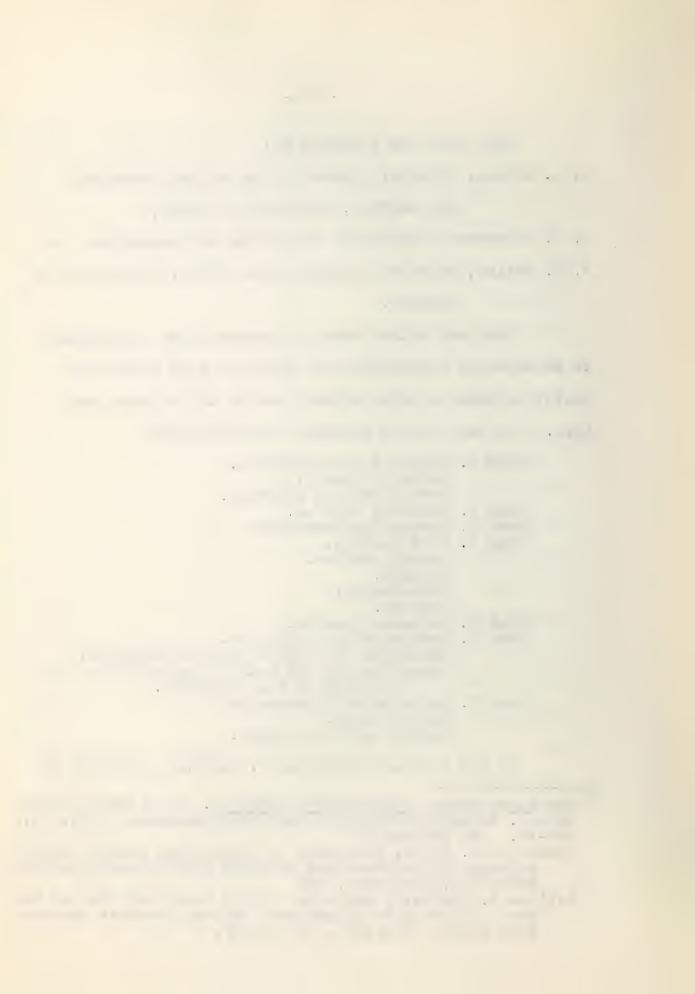
Test 7. Location of Information. Use of Index. Selection of key words.

In the opinion of William W. Turnbull, (2) head of

The Third Mental Measurements Yearbook. Oscar Krisen Buros, Editor. Rutgers University Press, New Brunswick, 1949. pp. 489-90. See reviews by

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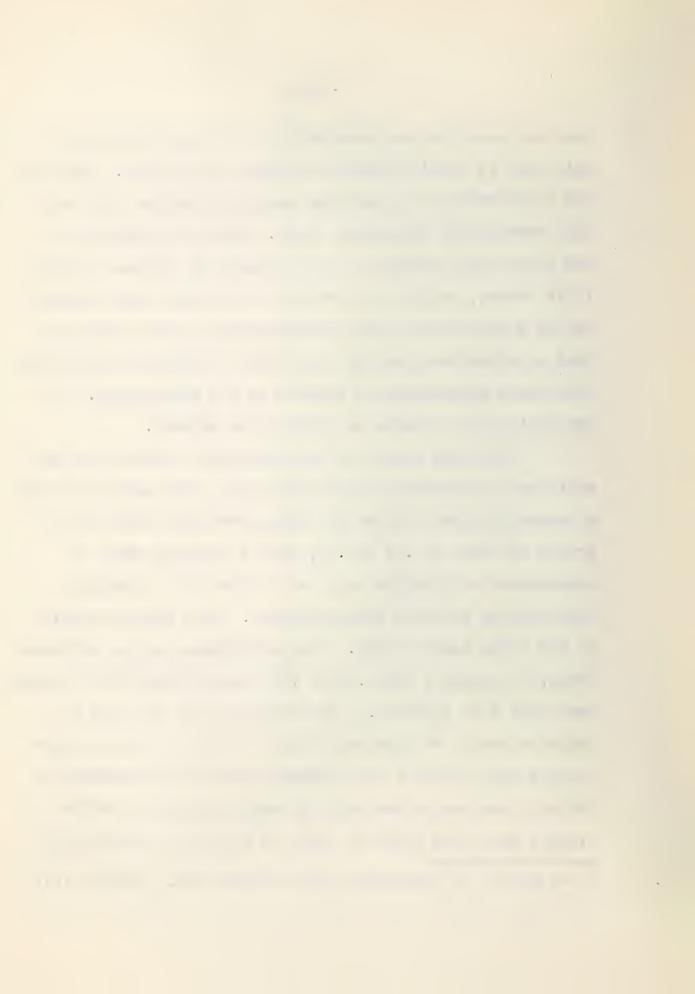
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the test construction department of Princeton University, this test is justifi ably the leader in its field. The test was standardized on a national sample of between 1500 and 2000 students at each grade level. From all appearances the test should provide a valid measure of reading ability if we accept, as did the authors of the text, that validity may be expressed in terms of the extent to which the test sets up situations calling into play the skills or abilities considered fundamental to success in the given field. (3) No statistical evidence of validity is offered.

efficient (computed separately for each grade level by Kuder-Richardson formula number 21, using over 1000 cases in all grades but one) of .94 or .95, with a probable error of measurement of 2 points on a scale which has a standard deviation of 13 to 14 for each grade. Thus the reliability of the total test is high. The coefficients of the subtests range, in general, from .70 to .90 (probable error of measurement from 4 to 7 points.) The authors point out that all probable errors of measurement are in terms of the standard score scale, and that the probable errors of measurement in terms of the raw scores would be much smaller, -- on the average about one third as large as those for the standard

³ See Manual of Directions for Advanced Test, Form Am. p.3.



score scale. (4) However, in view of the range of the subtests coefficients, probably limited reliance should be placed on the subtest scores in individual cases, although their reliability should be adequate for group comparisons.

While the advisability of including the reading rate sub-score in the total score might be questioned, and although the material is somewhat artificial and academic, the Iowa test gives a valid measure of the work-study type of reading ability. It is considered to be an excellent instrument for identifying students in need of remedial work, for sectioning classes, and for securing class norms. Evidence of the recognized leadership of the Iowa test was given in a comprehensive study of reading in colleges by Strang, (5) who reports in summary as follows:

"It is a general practice of colleges and universities to survey the reading ability of their entering freshmen. For this purpose one of three tests is used most frequently -- the revised Iowa Silent Reading Test, the Nelson-Denny, and the Minnesota. The Iowa Test was mentioned by seventeen colleges; the Nelson-Denny by eleven; and the Minnesota by six."

THE TEST OF SOCIAL STUDIES CONCEPTS

This investigation required a test which would measure the extent to which members of the experimental group had acquired a knowledge and an understanding of some of the basic concepts of social studies. Specifically, it was desired to measure knowledge of:

⁵ Ruth Strang: "The Improvement of Reading in College." English Journal, vol. 26, September 1937, pp. 548-59.



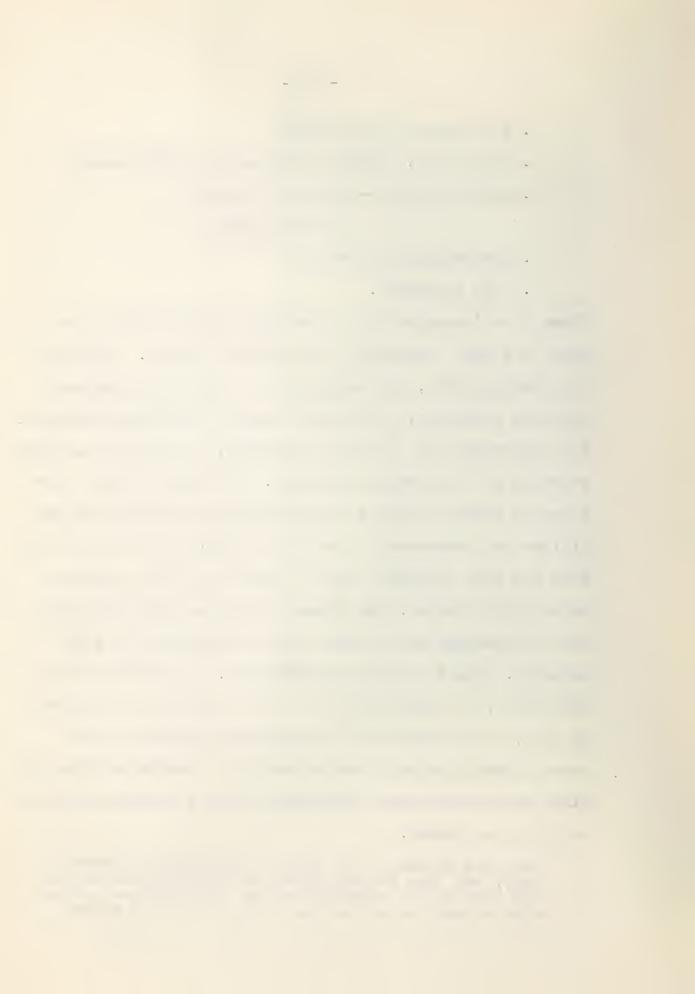
- 1. the evolution of society
- 2. principles, problems, and usage of the present,
- 3. relationships -- cause and effect,

men and events,

- 4. geographical placement,
- 5. time placement.

These five 'concepts' are considered by the writer to be among the most important in the social studies. Knowledge of primitive life, the beginnings of organized government, national rivalries, industrial changes, religious struggles, the achievement of political democracy, is basic to an understanding of the present situation. The need for wide knowledge of current affairs is particularly pressing upon the citizen of a democracy if he is to adjust to new conditions, face the many different social issues, political problems, scientific advances, the industrial and economic progress, and the tensions which result from inequalities in that progress. The idea of interdependence, the concept of relationship, is coming more and more to permeate all aspects of life, in a world that is continually shrinking under ever-improving means of communication. Concepts of time and place are of particular importance where a social event must be dated and placed.

They are necessary not only to describe the event itself, but also to facilitate our appreciation of it. The idea of the evolution of the institutions has become so much a part of our thinking that we regard



time and place as milestones by which we estimate the stage of growth which the institution or movement has reached. (6)

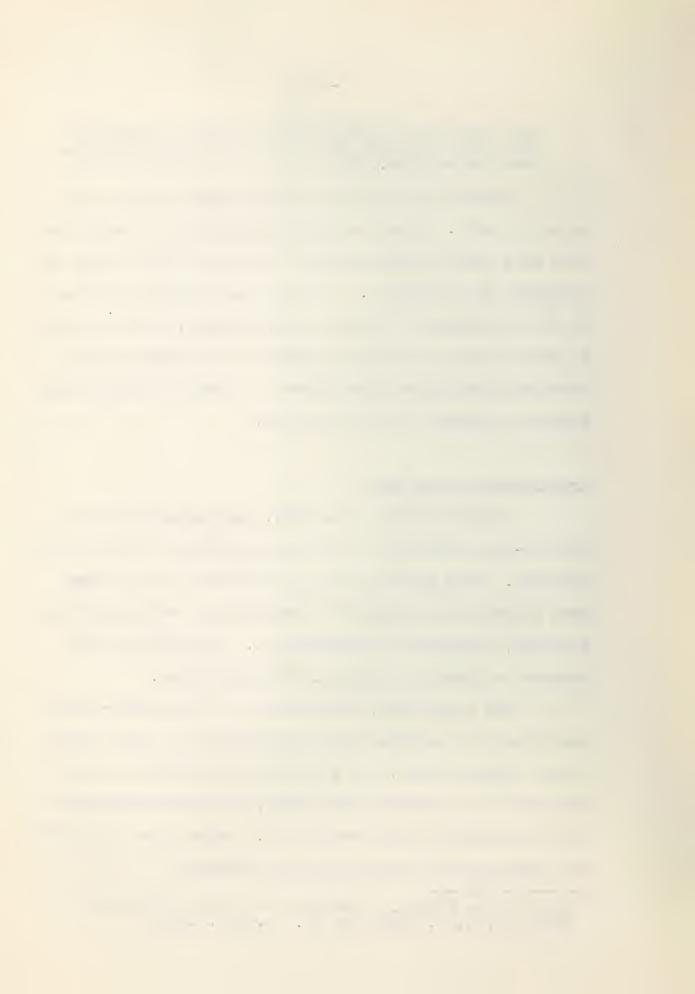
There is no implication that these are the only major concepts. This investigation required an objective test that could be administered easily and which could be completed in 45 minutes. The test was prepared and used in full awareness of its many shortcomings, which are due, in part at least, to the magnitude of the field and the previously mentioned time element. A copy of the test appears as Appendix A in this report.

Preparation of the Test

jective-type questions of the multiple choice variety, was prepared. This was discussed in committee and 90 items were rejected for reasons of irrelevance, obscurity, poor phrasing, and general unsuitability. Other items were amended to improve, simplify, or clarify them.

The first test, consisting of 150 multiple-choice questions, was prepared and administered as a pilot study to the Calgary group. This group was comparable in all respects to the experimental group, and served admirably for the purpose of test evaluation. Ample time was allowed for completion of the test by all students.

⁶ Edgar Bruce Wesley: "Teaching the Social Studies." New York, D. C. Heath and Co. p. 403. 1937.



An item analysis was performed on the scores obtained by the Calgary group. The Difficulty Factor was derived by taking the decimal equivalent of the percentage of students in the upper and lower quartiles who failed to respond correctly to each separate question. The Discrimination Factor was derived by taking the decimal equivalent of the difference in percentage of correct responses between the upper and lower quartiles. On the basis of this item analysis, 75 questions were selected for the final form of the test. The tables below illustrate the interval and frequency of the discrimination and difficulty factors as they appeared in the pilot study on the Calgary group, for the 75 questions selected.

TABLE I

DISCRIMINATION FACTORS OF TEST QUESTIONS SELECTED
IN THE PILOT STUDY

INTERVAL	FREQUENCY	
.2299	13	
.3399	27	
.4499	24	
.5599	2	
.6699	8	
.7799	1	

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TABLE II

DIFFICULTY FACTORS OF TEST QUESTIONS SELECTED
IN THE PILOT STUDY

INTERVAL	FREQUENCY	
.2299	1	
.3399	12	
.4499	11	
.5599	10	
.6699	24	
.7799	12	
.8899	5	

The final form of the test, so constituted, was administered to the whole experimental group at the same time, and under normal test conditions. The test was thoroughly objective in that opinion, bias, and judgment of the marker were completely eliminated. Only one answer satisfied the requirements of each question. Outside of purely chance errors there would be no variation in the score assigned to each test paper by different persons or by the same person on different occasions.

An item analysis, using the same technique as before, was performed on the scores obtained by the experimental group. The results are summarized in the following tables.

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TABLE III

DISCRIMINATION FACTORS OF SOCIAL STUDIES CONCEPTS
TEST QUESTIONS

INTERVAL	FREQUENCY	
.1199 .2299 .3399 .4499 .5599 .6699 .7799	7 22 23 15 6 1	

TABLE IV

DIFFICULTY FACTORS OF SOCIAL STUDIES CONCEPTS
TEST QUESTIONS

INTERVAL	FREQUENCY	
.1199	8	
.2299	14	
.3399	19	
.4499	9	
.5599	9	
.6699	11	
.7799	5	

The reliability of the social studies concepts test was determined by the split-half method. The number of correct responses on the odd-numbered and on the even-numbered questions was determined for each student. By the Pearson Product-Moment method of computing the co-

efficient of correlation, (7) a reliability coefficient of .75 was obtained.

The reliability coefficient which might be expected for a test as long as the two halves combined was calculated by the Spearman-Brown Prophecy Formula (8)

$$r_n = \frac{nr}{1 + (n-1)r} \frac{12}{12}$$

which, in this case where n = 2 and $r_{12} = the$ coefficient of reliability, i.e. .75, prophesies a reliability coefficient of .857.

The Index of Reliability (9) was derived by the application of the formula

$$r_1 \infty = \sqrt{r_{11}}$$

in which r_1l = the reliability of the given test, i.e. .857, and $r_1\infty$ = the correlation between obtained and true scores. The symbol " ∞ " (infinity) designates "true scores", that is, scores obtained from an infinite number of administrations of the test to the same group. For the social studies test the index of reliability is .9026.

⁷ E. F. Lindquist. "A First Course in Statistics." Houghton-Mifflin Co. 1938. Riverside Press, Cambridge, Mass. Chapter 10, pp. 137-187.

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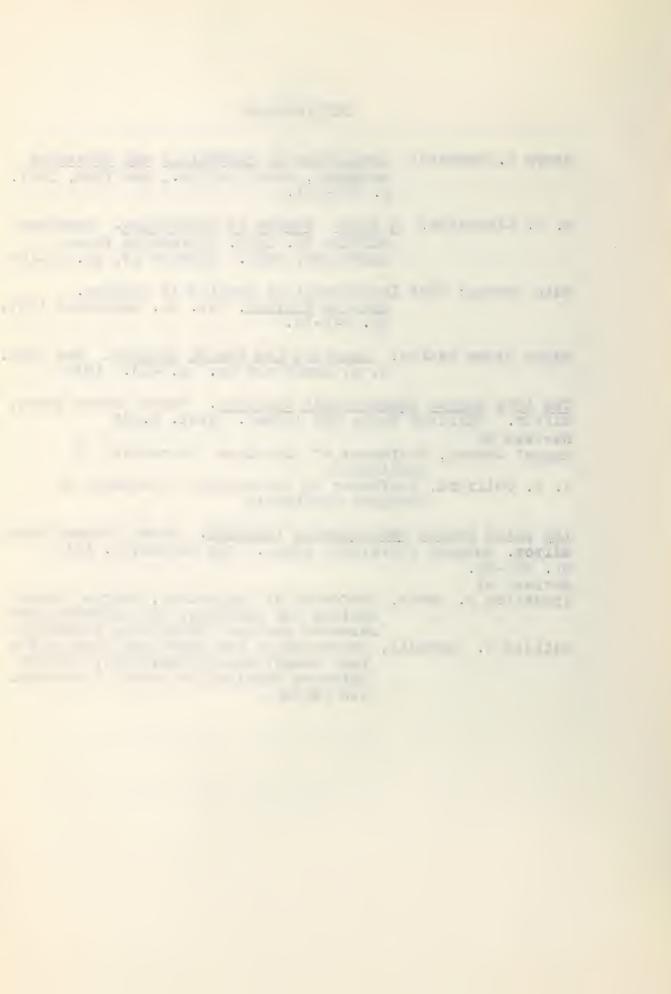
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CHAPTER IV

RESULTS OF THE TESTING PROGRAM

Scores obtained on the various tests and sub-tests used in this study are discussed in the following pages and are represented diagramatically by means of curves of frequency distribution. Terms used in connection with the various drawings and in discussing the results are defined below:

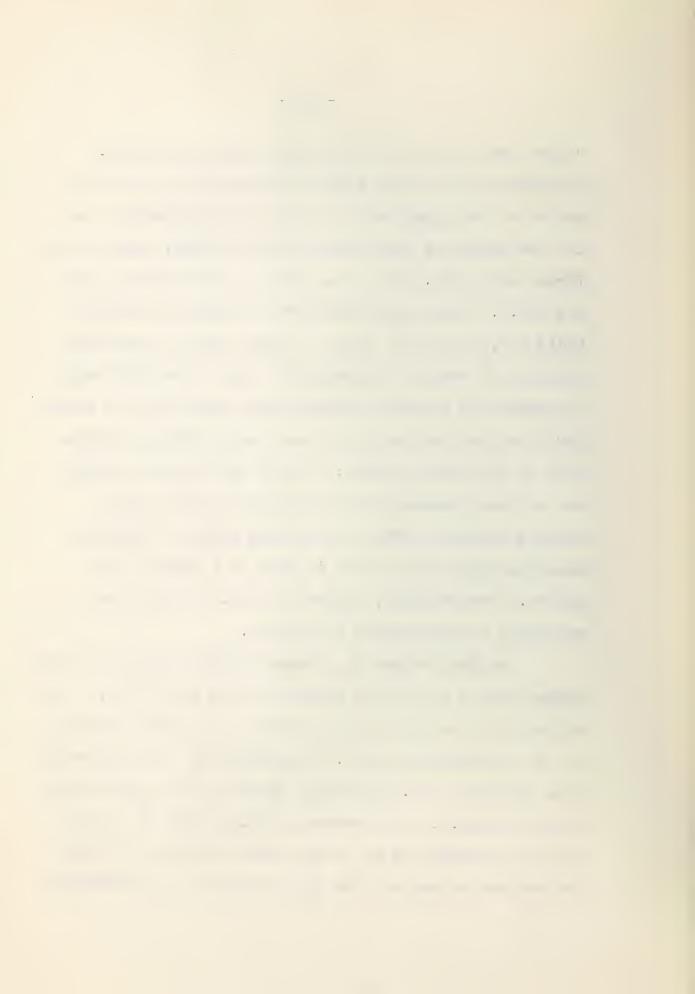
- I. Possible range of scores -- in the sub-tests of the Iowa Silent Reading Test both raw score and standar-dized score limits are quoted. For the Social Studies test raw score limits only are given, and for the Intelligence test the range of IQ's is given.
- 2. Actual range of scores -- the range of standardized and/or raw scores, or IQ's, obtained by members of the experimental group used in this investigation.
- 3. Established median -- that point established by the authors of the Iowa Silent Reading Test as the median score of their standardization group.
- 4. Median of the Experimental Group -- that point established as the median score of the experimental group used in this investigation.

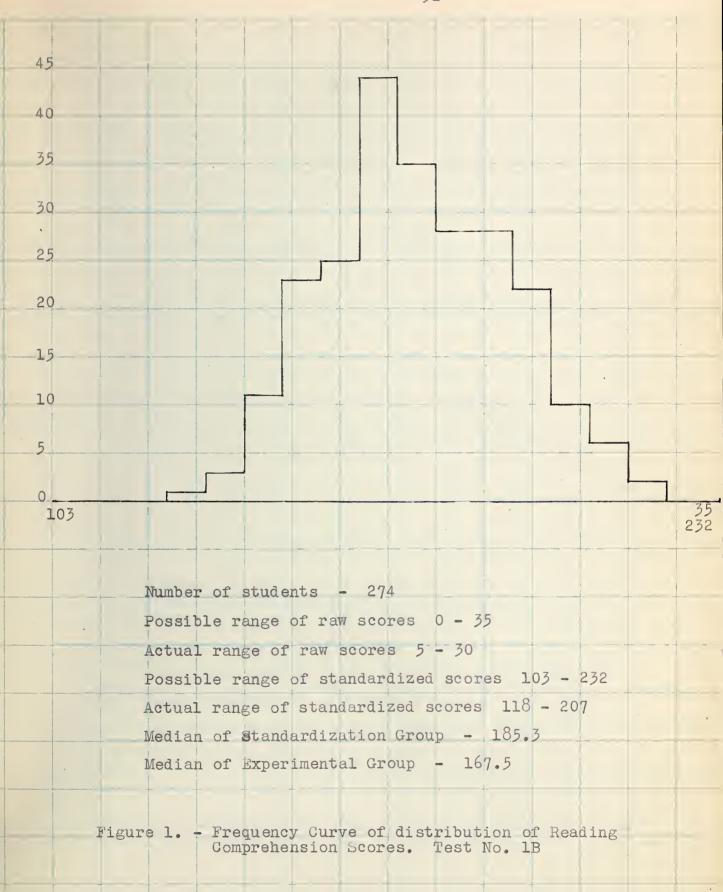
On the Reading Comprehension test the raw scores

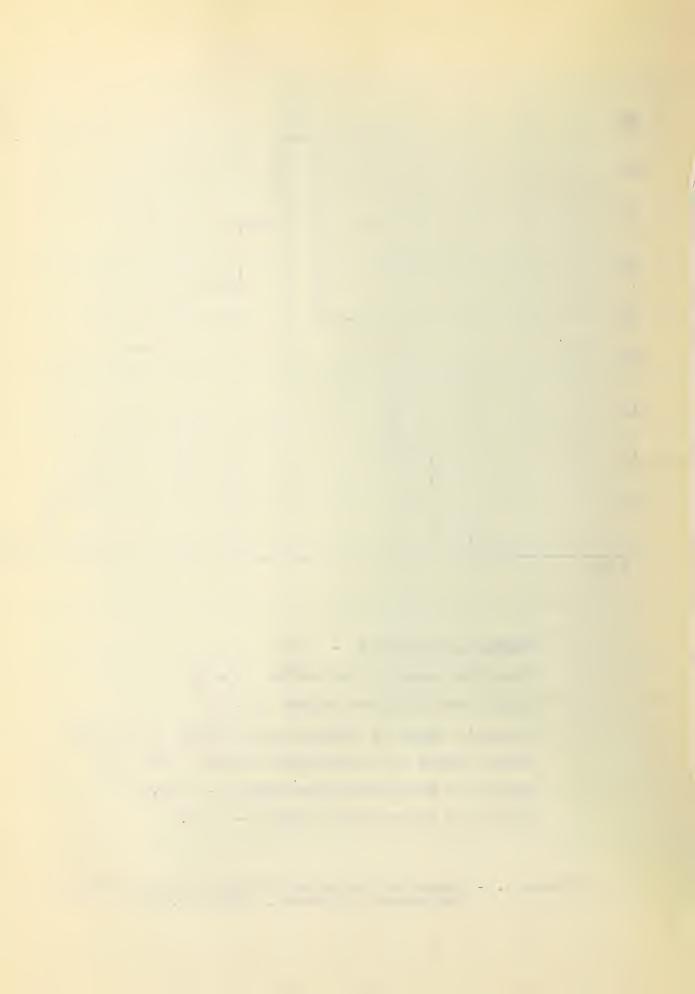


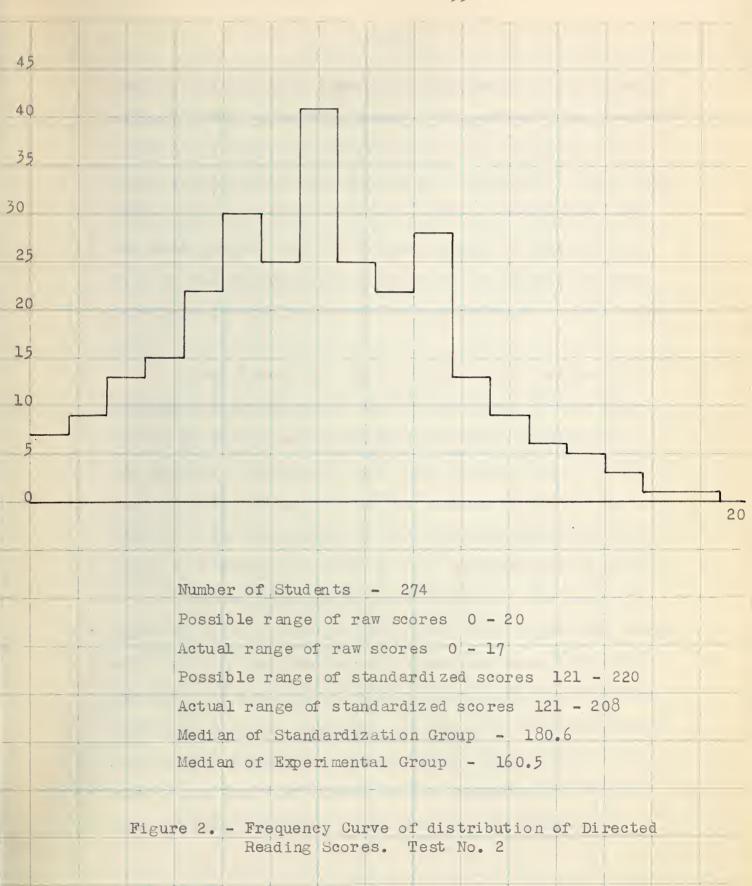
ranged from 5 to 30 in a possible range of 0 to 35. Distribution of scores was comparatively good but the median of the experimental group fell considerably below the median of the standardization group, that of the former being 167.5 while the median of the latter group was 185.3. This wide difference in medians is undoubtedly due, in part at least, to that almost unavoidable weakness of reading comprehension tests: the difficulty in preventing general knowledge from affecting the score. Part B of the comprehension test dealt with the government of the United States. Senior high school students and college freshmen could scarcely help but have a certain advantage over a comparable group of Canadian students when such a topic is used in a test of this nature. Nevertheless, a spread of 17.8 points does represent a considerable difference.

On Test Number 2, Directed Reading, the raw scores ranged from 0 to 17 in a possible range of 0 to 20. Distribution of scores on this test was not quite as good as on the comprehension test. The median of the standardization group was 180.6 while the median of the experimental group was 160.5, a difference of 20.1, which is not so easily accounted for as in the previous test. The test is designed to measure the pupil's ability to comprehend











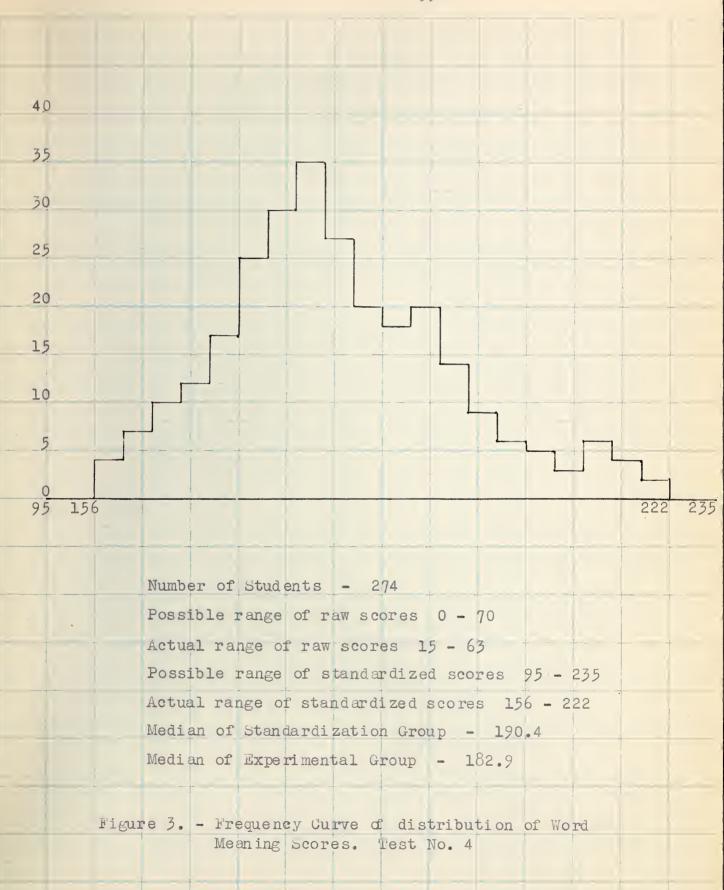
without unduly stressing memory. The student was required to find and indicate the numbers of the sentences in a story which contained the answers to a series of questions. While one individual may read one kind of material well and read another type of content poorly, a group of the size of the experimental group might be expected to compare more favorably than did the experimental group in this case.

Test Number 4 - Word Meaning - was designed to measure understanding of significant words in four high school subjects: social science, science, mathematics, and English. Results on this test ranged from 15 to 63 in a possible range of 0 to 70. Scores obtained were on the low side, the median of the experimental group being 182.9 as compared to 190.4 for the standardization group.

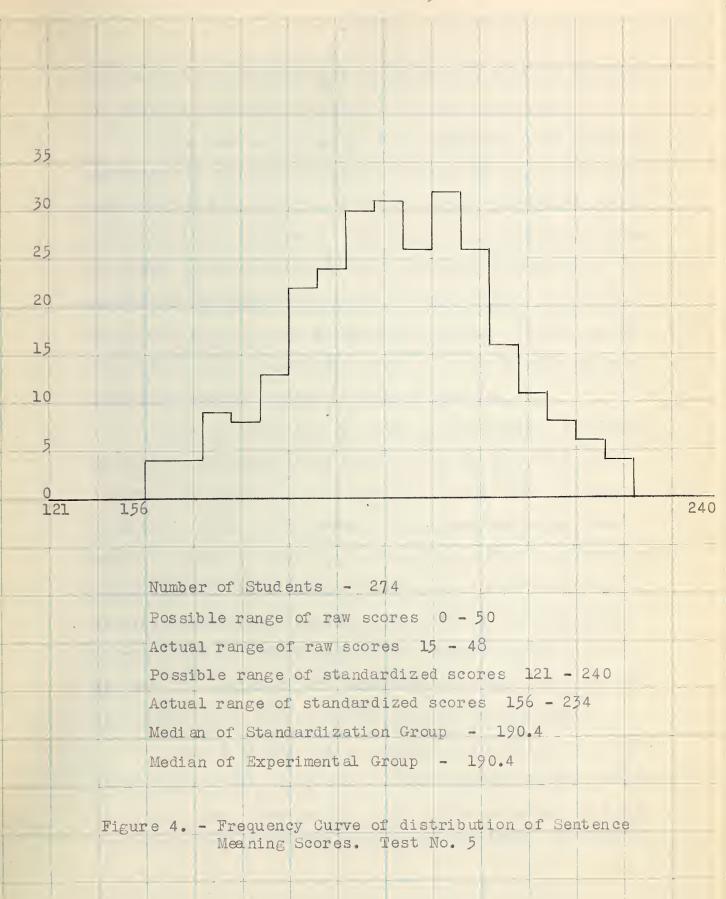
Scores obtained on Test Number 5 - the test of

Sentence Meaning - range from 15 to 48 in a possible range
of 0 to 50. Distribution of scores was reasonably well
balanced and the medians of the experimental and standardization groups were identical at 190.4 on the standardized
scale. The sentences comprising this test are stated in
such a way that the meaning of the sentence as a whole
must be comprehended. It is difficult to explain the











success of the experimental group on this test in the light of results obtained on the test of word meanings.

The test of paragraph comprehension, Test Number 6, measures the ability to select the central topic of a paragraph and the ability to identify details essential to the meaning of the paragraph. The experimental group compared favorably with the standardization group on this test, the median of the former being 177.5 while that of the latter group was 180.0 on the standardized scale. Scores ranged from 14 to 36 in a possible range of 0 to 36 with the majority of scores falling between 21 and 34.

One of the major cutcomes of instruction in silent reading of the work-study type is the ability to locate information quickly and accurately in the light of the problem at hand. Test Number 7 includes two major elements involved in locating information. Part A refers the pupil directly to a simple index as a source of answers to specific questions. Scores were quite well distributed over a range of from 2 to 14 in a possible range of 0 to 15, but the median of the experimental group was only 170.5 as compared with 182.1 for the standardization group.

Part B of this test measures the ability to select words under which information about a given question might be found. The experimental group did much better on this part than on the previous portion of the test. The median



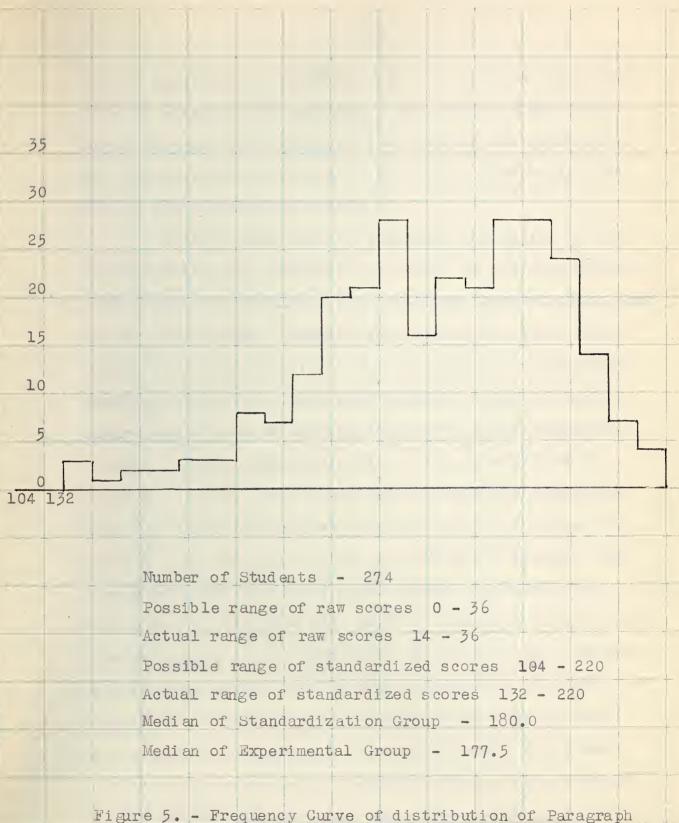


Figure 5. - Frequency Curve of distribution of Paragraph Comprehension Scores. Test No. 6

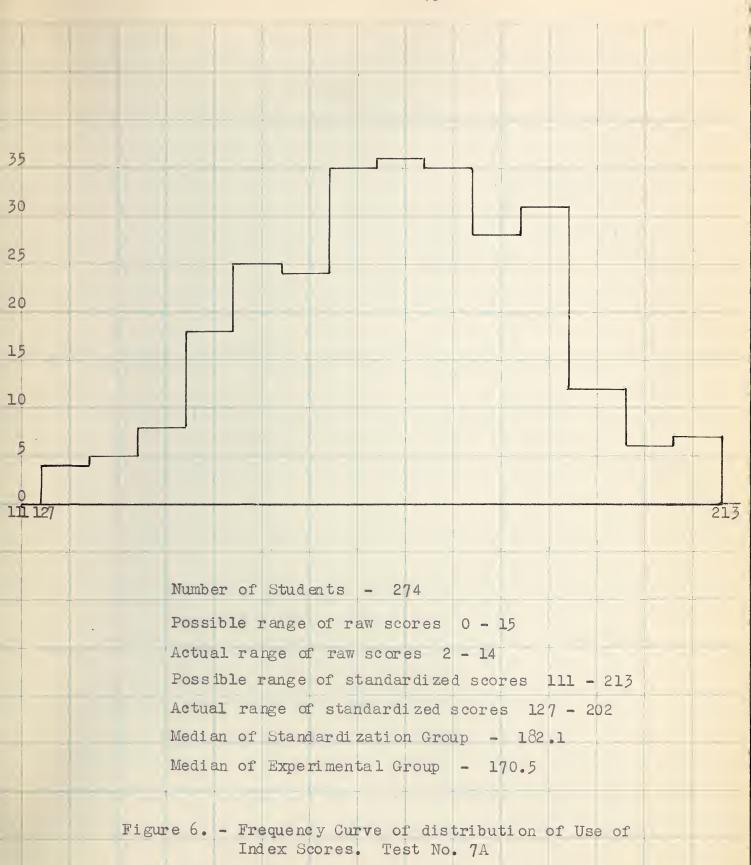


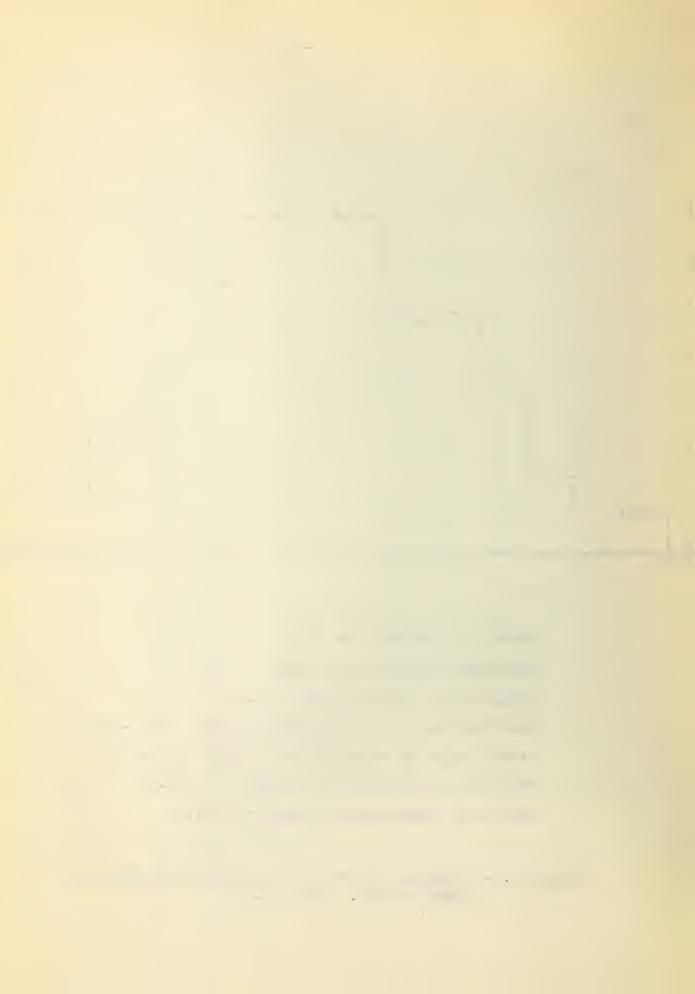
of the experimental group was 177.8 as compared with 178.6 for the standardization group. Raw scores ranged from 4 to 20 in a possible range of 0 to 20 with the majority of the scores falling between 10 and 18, or between 165 and 210 on the standardized scale.

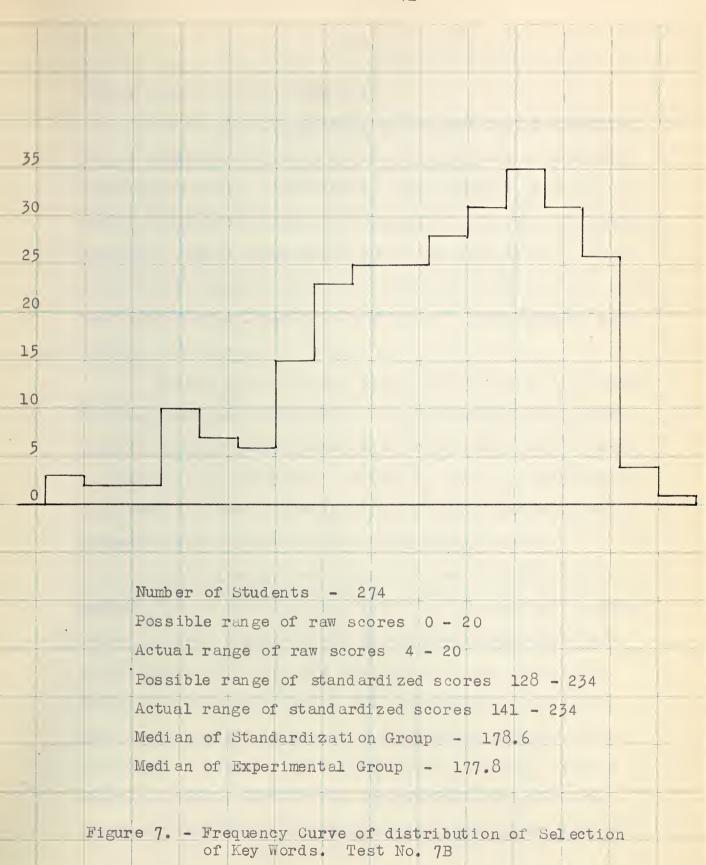
It is interesting to note that the median of the experimental group exceeded the median of the standardization group on only one of the sub-tests comprising the Iowa Silent Reading Test, namely the Reading Rate test. aspect of reading skill was not considered in this study. Reading rate is an almost meaningless concept because an individual's rate of reading depends upon his immediate purpose and upon the difficulty of the material he is reading. In the Iowa Silent Reading Test the directions for the rate-comprehension test say: "This is a test to see how well and how rapidly you can read silently. Read the story below so that you can answer questions about it."(2) The testee has no idea what kind of questions will be asked, whether they will be penetrating or superficial. The relatively high median score on the reading rate test and the relatively low score on the reading comprehension test would seem to indicate that the experimental group were predominantly superficial readers, prone to skim material

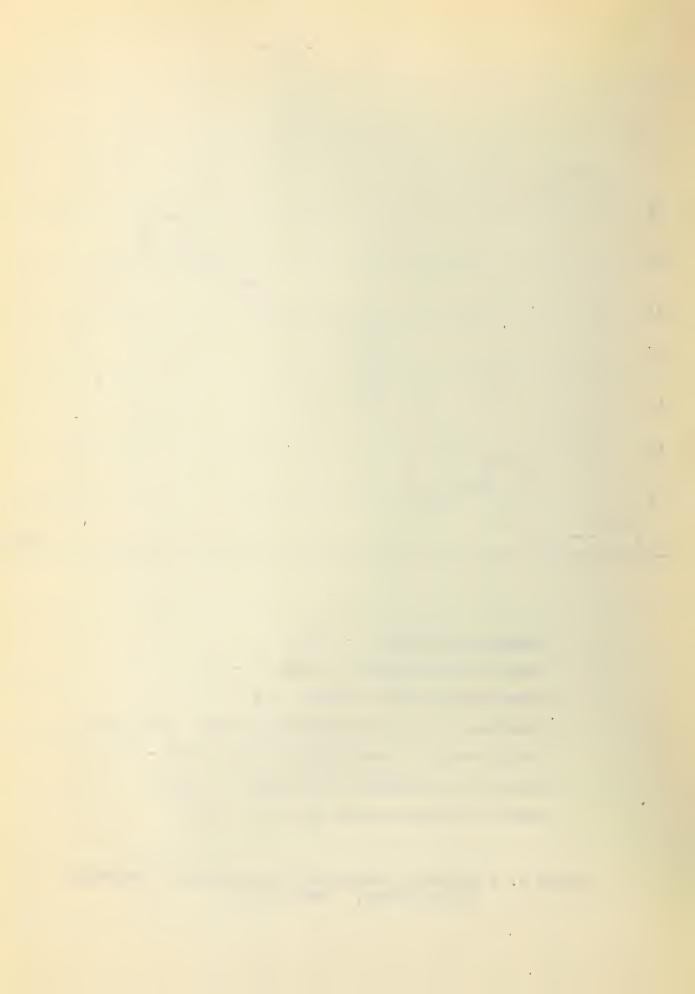
² Iowa Silent Reading Tests, New Edition, Advanced Test: Form Am. pp. 2-3.











rather than to read intensively.

It is also interesting to observe that the median of the experimental group coincided with that of the standardization group on two tests, Test Number 3, the test of poetry comprehension and Test Number 5, the test of sentence meaning. Poetry comprehension was not considered in this study on the grounds that this aspect of reading skill would bear little relationship to mastery of social studies concepts.

On all the other sub-tests the median of the experimental group fell below that of the standardization group. The differences ranged from .8 on test number 7B, the test on selection of Key words, as high as 20.1 on Test Number 2, the test of directed reading. The average spread between medians was 9.1 points on the standardized scale.

Table V below summarizes the more important data derived from the administration of the Iowa Silent Reading Test. In this table the medians of the experimental and standardization groups are compared, and the table also indicates the percentage of the experimental group which fell below the median of the standardization group. Comments made previously with reference to reading rate and reading comprehension of the experimental group are supported by this table, which indicates that 30 per cent of

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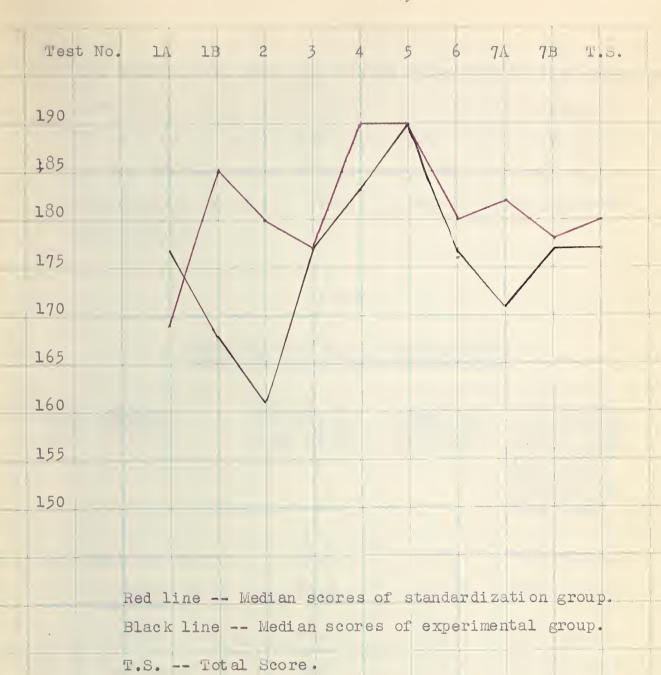


Figure 8. - Graph of Median Scores

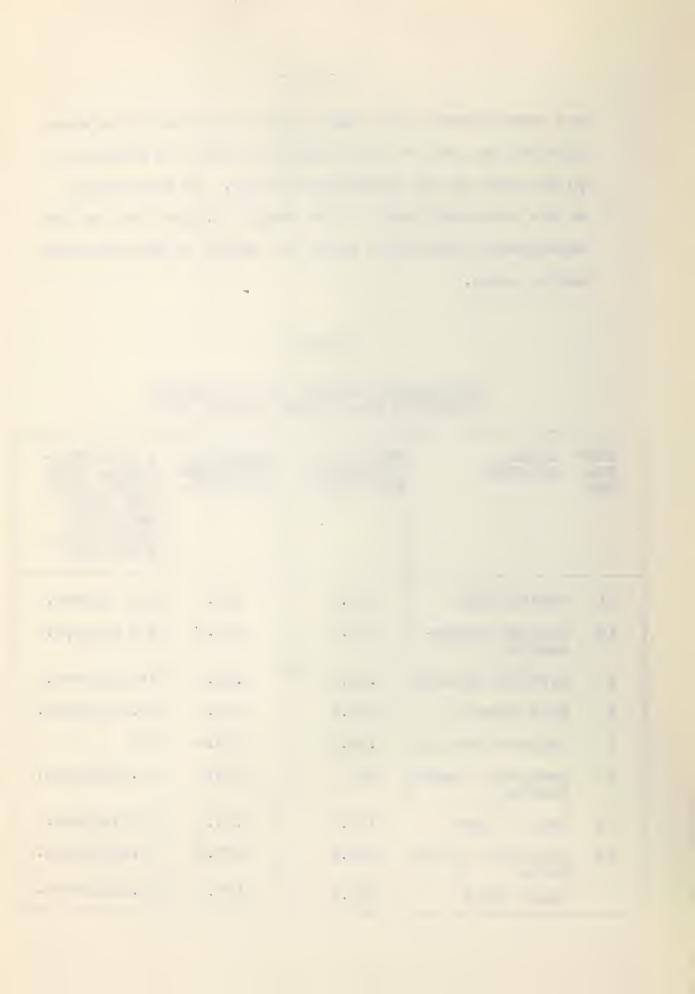


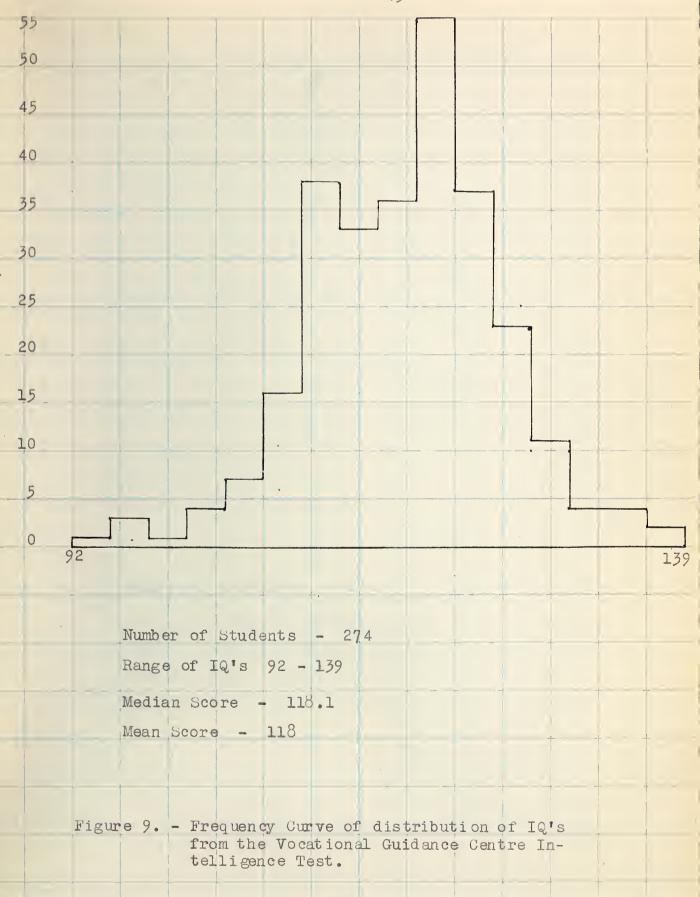
the experimental group fell below the median of the standardization group on the reading rate test as compared to 70 per cent on the comprehension test. On the average, on the sub-tests used in this study, 64.1 per cent of the experimental group fell below the median of the standardization group.

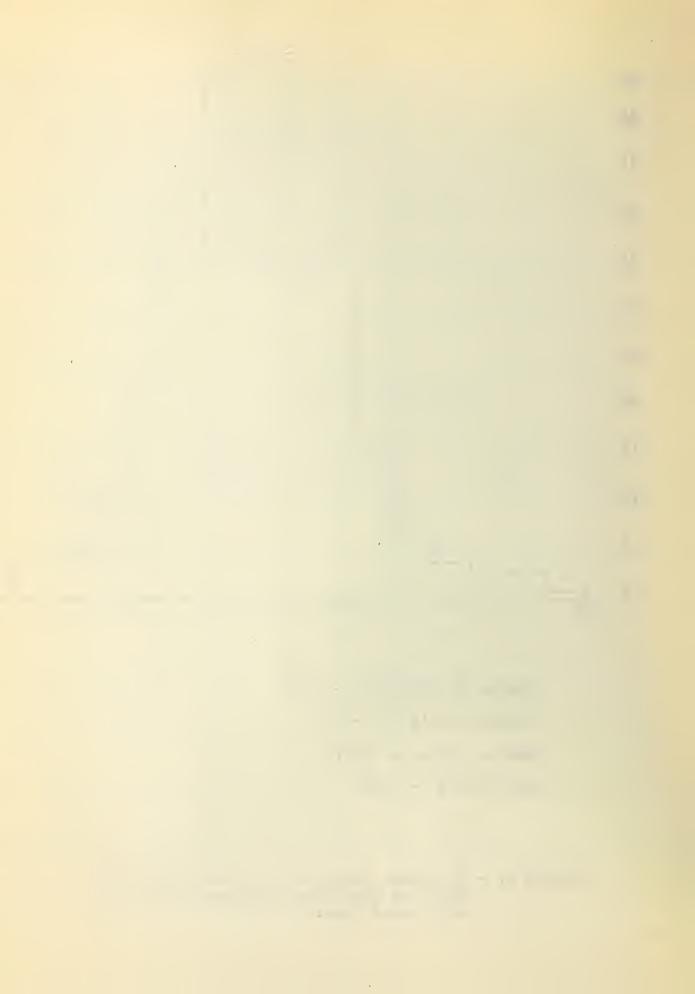
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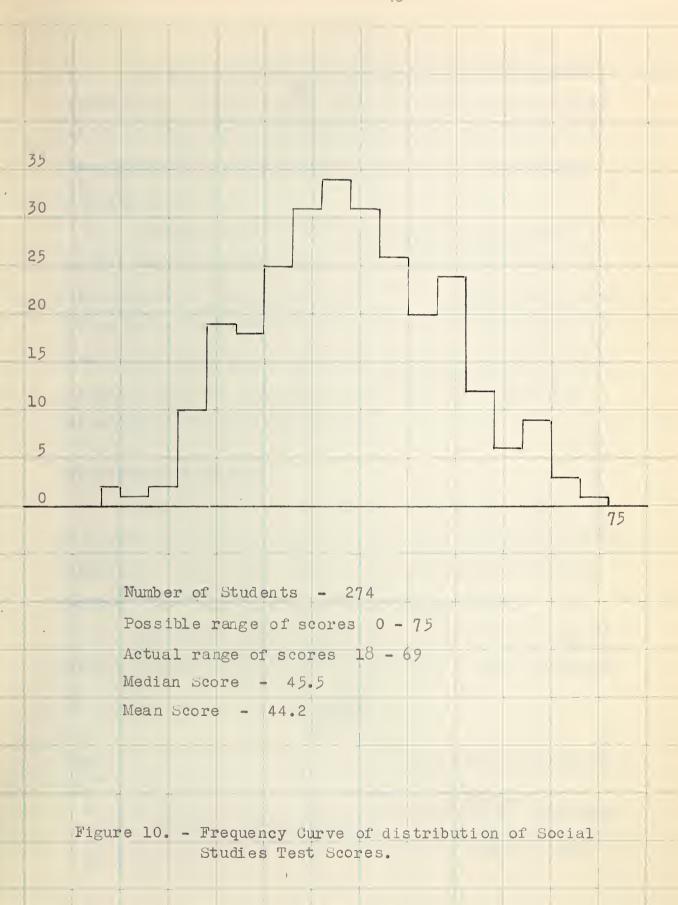
COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF DATA DERIVED FROM THE IOWA SILENT READING TEST

TEST NUM- BER	SKILL MEASURED	MEDIAN OF STANDARDIZA- TION GROUP	MEDIAN OF EXPERIMEN- TAL GROUP	% OF EXPERI- MENTAL GROUP WHOSE SCORES FALL BELOW MEDIAN OF STANDARDIZA- TION GROUP
lA	Reading Rate	168.4	177.6	30% (approx.)
1 B	Reading Compre- hension	185.3	167.5	70% (approx.)
2.	Directed Reading	180.6	160.5	74% (approx.)
4	Word Meaning	190.4	182.9	69.3%(approx.)
5	Sentence Meaning	190.4	190.4	50%
6	Paragraph Comprehension	- 180	177.5	51.8%(approx.)
7 A	Use of Index	182.1	170.5	82% (approx.)
7 B	Selection of Key Words	178.6	177.8	51.6%(approx.)
	Total Score	181.1	177.6	63.5%(approx.)











A good distribution was obtained on the Intelligence Test. Scores ranged from 92 to 139, with a median score of 118.1 and a mean score of 118. Two hundred of the 274 members of the experimental group fell between 110 and 126.

Results of the Social Studies test approached a normal curve of distribution even more closely than did the results of the intelligence test. Scores ranged from 18 to 69 in a possible range of 0 to 75. Two hundred of the 274 comprising the experimental group had scores between 33 and 55. The median score was 45.5 while the mean score for the group was 44.2

Statistical Procedure:

Scores obtained on the Test of Mental Ability and sub-test and total scores from the Silent Reading Test were correlated with scores obtained from the Social Studies test by the Pearson Product-Moment method. (1)

Fisher's test of significance (2) was then applied to the various correlation coefficients, using the formula

$$t = \frac{r\sqrt{n-2}}{\sqrt{1-r^2}}$$

where n = 274 and r = the various correlation coefficients.

¹ E. F. Lindquist: "A First Course in Statistics."
Houghton-Mifflin Co., 1938. Riverside Press, Cambridge,
Mass. Chapter X, pp. 137-187.

² Iowa Silent Reading Tests, New Edition, Advanced Test: Form Am. pp. 2-3.

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TABLE VI

PROBABILITY

Degrees of Freedom		
(n-1)	0.02	0.01
200	t = 2.35	t = 2.60
300	t = 2.34	t = 2.59

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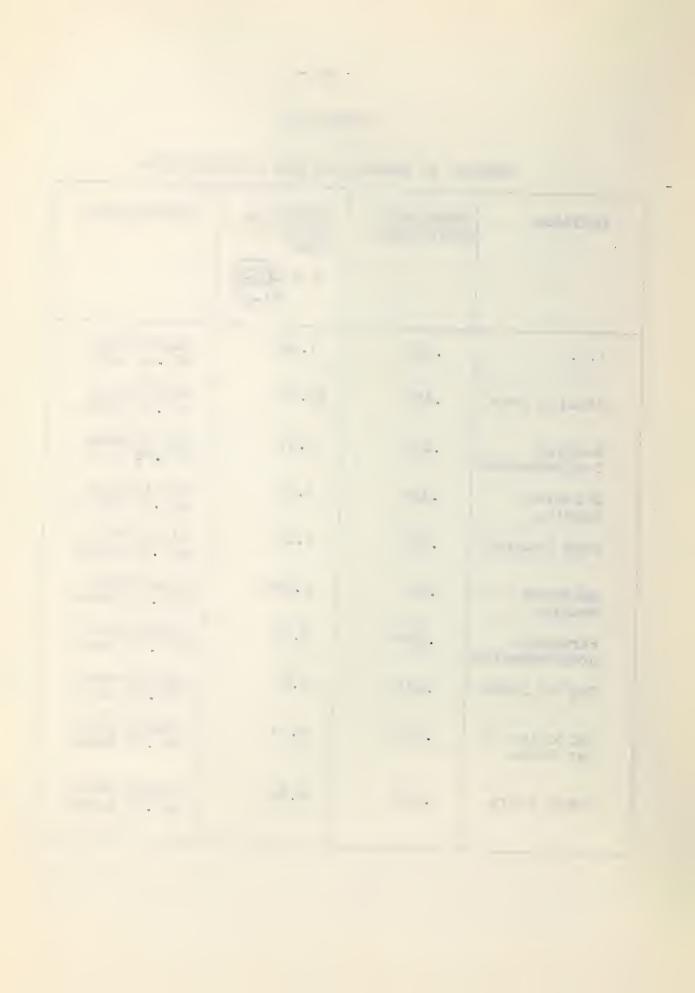
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Table VII summarizes the results of the statistical procedure followed in this investigation, that is, the coefficients of correlation between all the variables and the social studies test, together with the results of the application of the test of significance to the correlation coefficients. Relationships ranging from .154 between Reading Comprehension and Social Studies, to .423 between Intelligence and Social Studies, were found to The relation between reading comprehension and exist. mastery of social studies was found to be significant at the 2 per cent level, while all the rest of the relationships are significant at the 1 per cent level. In other words, a positive, although low, correlation was found to exist between intelligence and reading skills on the one hand and knowledge of social studies on the other, significant in all cases but one at the 1 per cent level.

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TABLE VII
SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION

VARIABLE	CORRELATION COEFFICIENT	NUMERICAL VALUE OF t WHEN $t = \frac{r\sqrt{n-2}}{\sqrt{1-r^2}}$	SIGNIFICANCE
I.Q.	•423	7.699	Significant at .01 level
Reading Rate	.194	12.443	Significant at .01 level
Reading Comprehension	.154	2.57	Significant at .02 level
Directed Reading	.195	3. 26	Significant at .01 level
Word Meaning	•245	4.16	Significant at .01 level
Sentence Meaning	• 3	5.208	Significant at .01 level
Paragraph Comprehension	.3142	5.47	Significant at .01 level
Use of Index	.175	2.9	Significant at .01 level
Selection of Key Words	.238	4.04	Significant at .01 level
Total Score	.264	4.51	Significant at .01 level



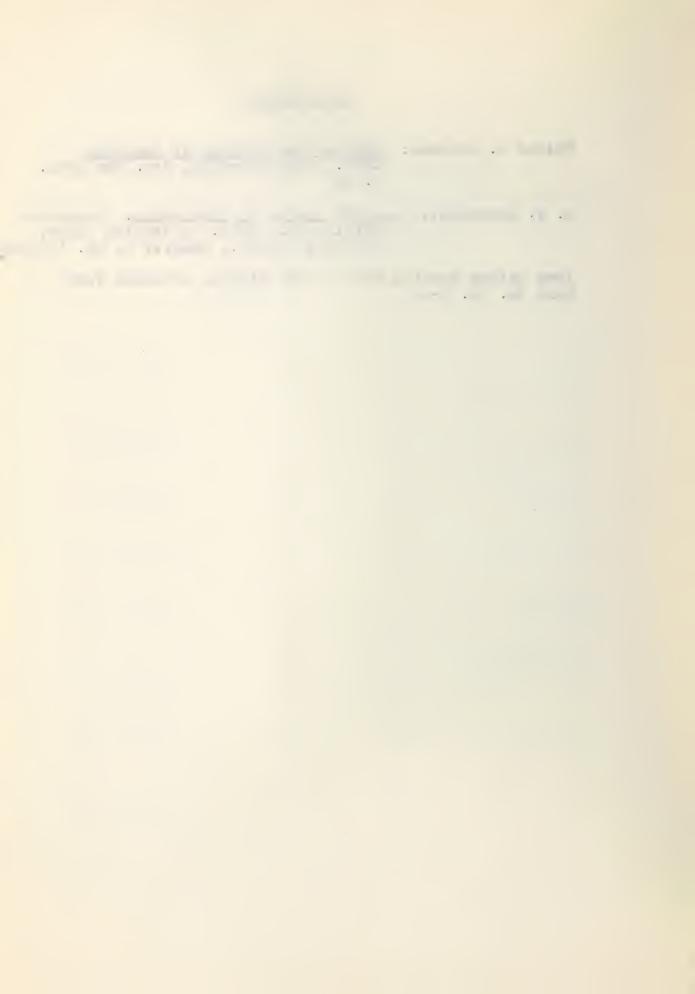
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CHAPTER V

CONCLUSIONS

- there are low but positive correlations between reading skills, as measured by the Iowa Silent Reading Test, and knowledge of social studies, as measured by the Social Studies Concepts test, ranging from .154 to .314, with a correlation of .264 between the total reading score and the social studies score.
- is more closely related to knowledge of social studies than are the reading skills, the correlation between intelligence, as measured by the Vocational Guidance Center Intelligence Indicator, and knowledge of social studies, as measured by the Social Studies Concepts Test, being .423.

In this regard it seems quite possible that such methods as the lecture, class discussion, and committee work are more widely used or are more efficient in obtaining knowledge of social studies than is reading, at least within the range of reading abilities possessed by members of the experimental group. It may be that other aspects of the social Studies curriculum receive



greater emphasis than do the concepts measured in this investigation -- aspects which lend themselves to greater integration in the daily lives of the students. It also seems possible that other personal qualities and attainments such as strong motivation for studying, powers of concentration and perseverance, and so on, may influence in various ways the scholastic success of the students to a greater degree than do reading abilities and mental abilities, within the range of these abilities possessed by the members of the experimental group.

- Results of the reading test indicate that, on the whole, the members of the experimental group are somewhat deficient in reading ability. This was particularly evident in the scores on the tests of Reading Comprehension, Directed Reading, Word Meaning, and Use of Index.
- 4. To the degree that the members of the experimental group are representative of Alberta high school graduates, and in the light of the limited evidence obtained from one reading test, it appears that the development of reading skills is being seriously neglected. Further research into the reading abilities of Alberta high



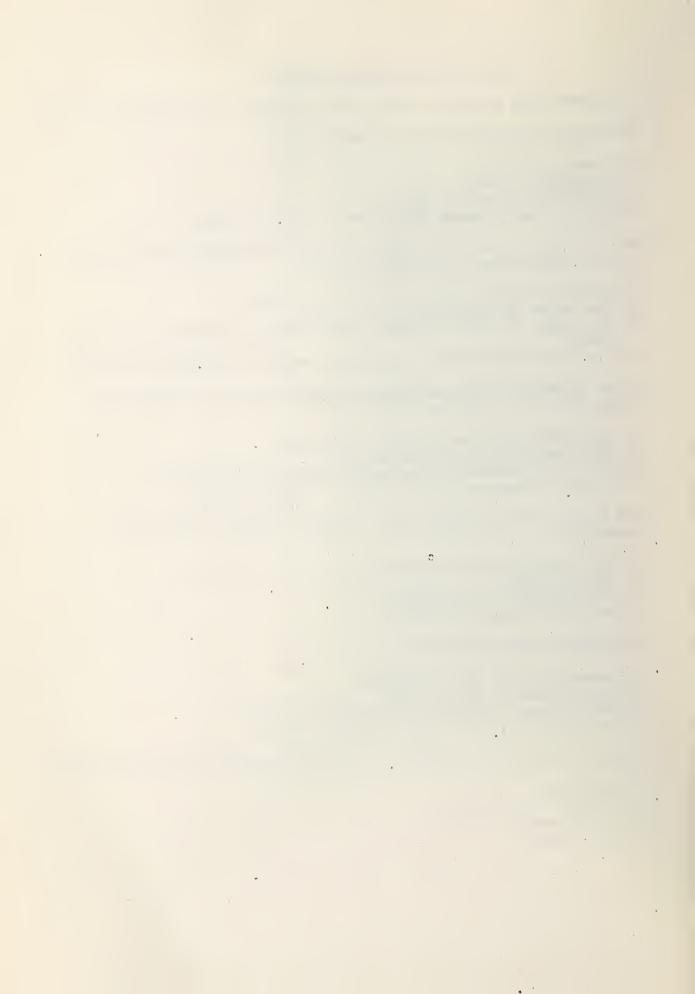
school students is needed to validate or disprove
these findings. If these findings are validated there
is an urgent need for remedial action.



Test of Social Studies Concepts.

On the answer sheet provided, indicate your answers to the following questions.

- 1. The Atlantic Charter can best be described as a
 - (1) Treaty of Peace
 - (2) statement of goals
 - (3) code of international law
 - (4) military pact between Britain and the United States.
- 2. Which of these is the most serious obstacle to friendship between Russia and the United States at the present time ?
 - (1) Russia no longer needs to buy American goods.
 - (2) The arrest of Russian spies in the U.S.
 - (3) The people of the two countries lack accurate information about each other.
 - (4) The two countries have a traditional record of unfriendly relations.
- 3. Of the following, which was the most important factor in bringing the United States into the first World War ?
 - (1) The German violation of Belgian neutrality.
 - (2) The expectation of territorial gain.
 - (3) The secret alliances and agreements with the Allied Powers.
 - (4) Germany's disregard for the rights of neutral powers.
- 4. What were the most important cause of China's remaining isolated for centuries ?
 - (1) The mountainous and desert regions along the frontiers.
 - (2) The Great Wall.
 - (3) The hostility of the Japanese.
 - (4) The military might of China.
- 5. The Concert of Europe succeeded in
 - (1) preserving peace for a generation
 - (2) making Turkey an Asiatic Power
 - (3) putting down a revolution in the Spanish colonies
 - (4) abolishing autocracy without recourse to war.
- 6. A regional bloc may be regarded as a half-way step from nationalism towards
 - democracy
 - (2) economic self-sufficiency
 - (3) a world state
 - (4) world peace.



- 7. Which of the following countries was the <u>last</u> to develop into a national state?
 - (1) England.
 - (2) France.
 - (3) Cormany.
 - (4) Spain.
- 8. In spite of political disunion, some feeling of unity was possible among the ancient Greeks because of
 - (1) favorable geographic conditions
 - (2) the use of a common language
 - (3) an alliance among the different city-states
 - (4) religious toleration.
- C. The source of laws in pre-revolutionary France was the
 - (1) people.
 - (2) Estates-General.
 - (3) Convention.
 - (4) King.
- 10. William III. escension to the throne changed the position and power of all succeeding English sovereigns because he
 - (1) became King on Parliament's invitation
 - (2) inherited the throne
 - (3) was nominated by the Pope
 - (4) conquered Ergland in war.
- 11. The British Commonwealth of Nations may be described as a
 - (1) confederation of dominions represented in the Parliament in London
 - (2) group of states enjoying local autonomy but bound by British foreign policy
 - (3) union of free and equal states
 - (4) recent attempt to form an organization of English-speaking peoples.
- 12. One of the causes of the Protestant Reformation was
 - (1) the masses had learned to read the Bible
 - (2) Charles V oppressed the German Lutherans
 - (3) the Jesuits antagonized many wealthy noblemen
 - (4) the humanists challenged many church doctrines.
- 13. The feudal relationship between lord and vassal involved
 - (1) no obligations on the part of the lord
 - (2) no obligations of the part of the vassal
 - (3) placing all responsibility on the vassal
 - (4) mutual obligations for vassal and lord.



- 14. During the curly Michle Ages the monks age their most amportant contribution to configuration by
 - (1) preserving copies of classical literary works

(2) remedting the inductive method of reason

(3) Introducing the practice of painting on course

(4) spreading Christianity throughout Asia.

- as their of the following represents the first stage in the development of the art of widing?
 - (1) Picture writing
 - (2) o Hattle writing
 - (b) tre of ideographs

(a) Word reiting.

lo. In mer-in-Council is

(1) a law enacted by the Senate alone

- (2) a pile of logislation requiring the agreement of the cabinet only
- (5) a bill put forward by a private member and endorsed by the legislature (4) a bill inproduced by a combined council of the legislature and cabinet.
- 17 Which is not characteristic of the present political system in Russia ?

(1) Popular elections for members of the local soviets.

(2) P les advocating different types of political programs.

(3) Use of the segmet ballot,

- (4) A written constitution.
- 18. Which factor has become increasingly important in streng " ming the lies binding Canada to the Mother Country ?
 - (1) Representation of Canada in the British Parliament.

(2) Nutual trade agreements and preferences.

(3) The power of the King to appoint Canadian officials.

(4) Mutual cancellation of war debts.

19. After the first World War, France demanded heavy reparations from Germany because

(1) England insisted that this be done.

(2) France feared a powerful Germany would undertake a war of revenge.

(3) She had promised the U.S. to pay her war debts out of reparation payments

(4) She lacked an adequate gold reserve.

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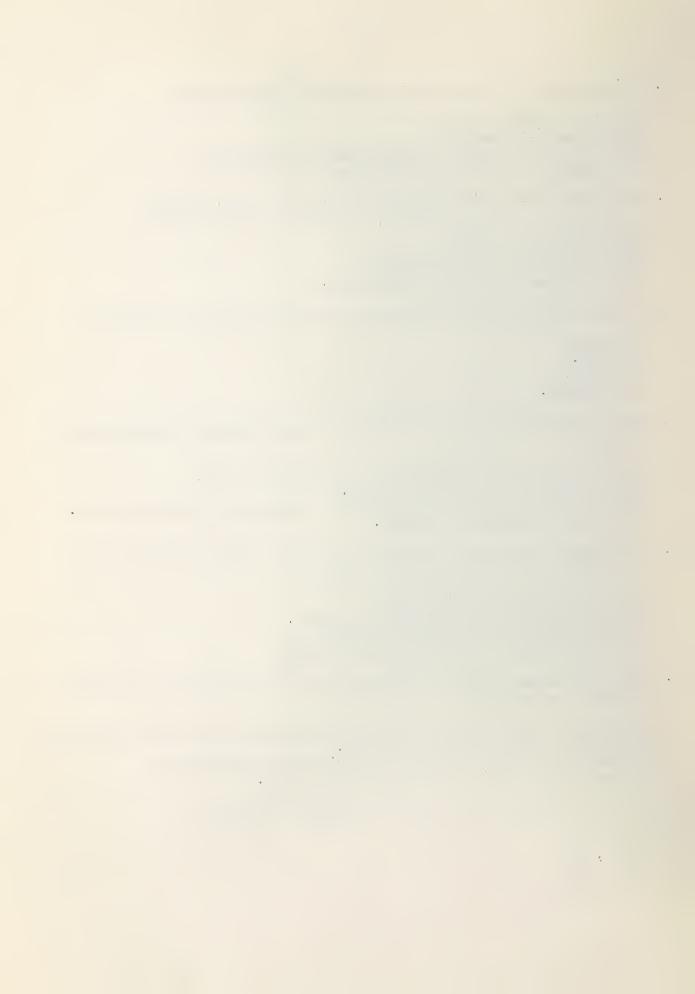
(1) Astembly

(2) Security Ocuncil

(7) International Court (4) Economic and Social Council.



- 21. During World War II there was a tendency in Canada towards
 - (1) centralization of power
 - (2) decentralization of r -r
 - (3) separation of power as in the American constitution
 - (4) curbing the power of the executive.
- 22. What types of class differences are strongest in Russia today ?
 - (1) those based on birth
 - (2) those based on wealth
 - (3) those based on party membership
 - (4) those based on religious affiliation.
- 23. In which country do the citizens have the most voice in the government?
 - (1) Russia.
 - (2) China.
 - (3) Sweden.
 - (4) Argentina.
- 24. Why did Churchill give up his position as Prime Minister of Great Britain in 1945 ?
 - (1) His policies were repudiated by the House of Commons.
 - (2) The King asked for his resignation.
 - (3) His party lost control of the House of Commons in a general election.
 - (4) His term of office had expired.
- 25. The policies of the Labor government in Britain differ markedly from those of the Conservative government in relation to
 - (1) the production of basic goods.
 - (2) the operation of the parliamentary system.
 - (3) the organization of the British Empire.
 - (4) the maintenance of international security.
- 26. Which was the most serious single obstacle to the solution of the problem of Indian independence ?
 - (1) Britain's unwillingness to make any concessions to the Indian nationals.
 - (2) Ghandi's policy of armed resistance.
 - (3) Inability of Indian groups to reconcile their differences.
 - (4) Dependence of India upon imports from Britain.
- 27. In 1949 the typical family income in Canada was closest to
 - (1) \$ 1,000
 - (2) \$ 2,100
 - (3) \$ 2,800
 - (4) \$ 4,000.

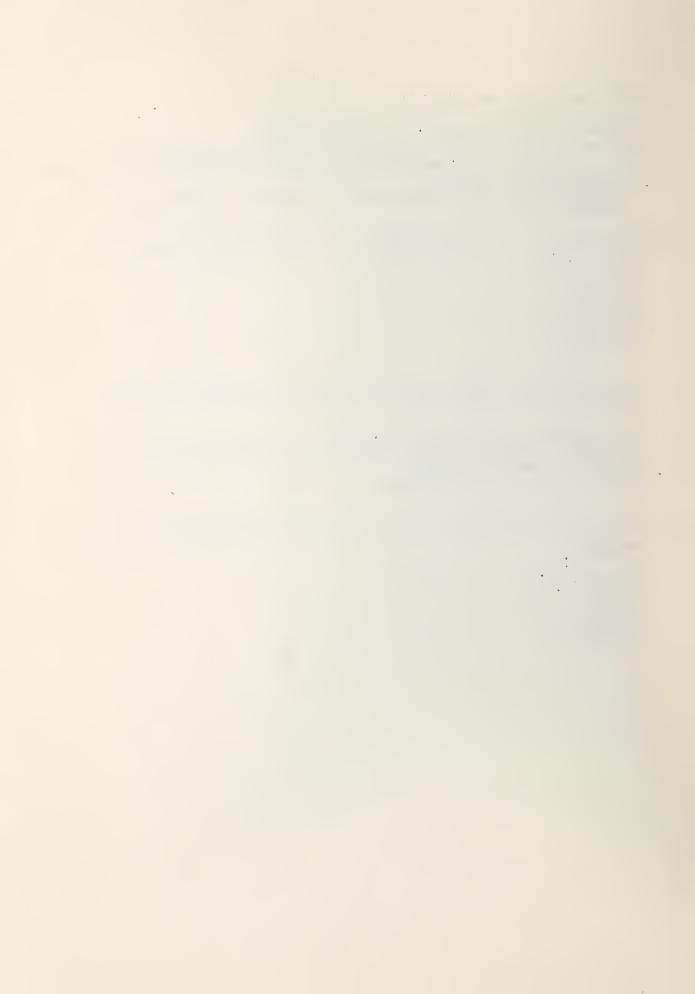


28. True democracy is best gained by

(1) laws that grant equality to all individuals.

(2) the limitation of law-making to as few laws as possible.

- (3) the education of citizens to the necessity of responsibility and justice in all group relations.
- (4) the abolition of all forms of local government in favor of one central government.
- 29. Which of these countries in 1949 had a government <u>least</u> representative of popular will?
 - (1) Italy.
 - (2) Norway.
 - (3) Belgium.
 - (4) Spain.
- 30. The only effective check on the authority of the British Parliament at present is
 - (1) an adverse vote in a general election
 - (2) a court decision involving a question of constitutionality
 - (3) the veto power of the King
 - (4) the opposition of the cabinet.
- 31. The aim of his government was to redistribute wealth by nationalizing basic industries.
 - (1) Chamberlain.
 - (2) Lloyd George.
 - (3) Attlee.
 - (4) Churchill.
 - (5) Baldwin.

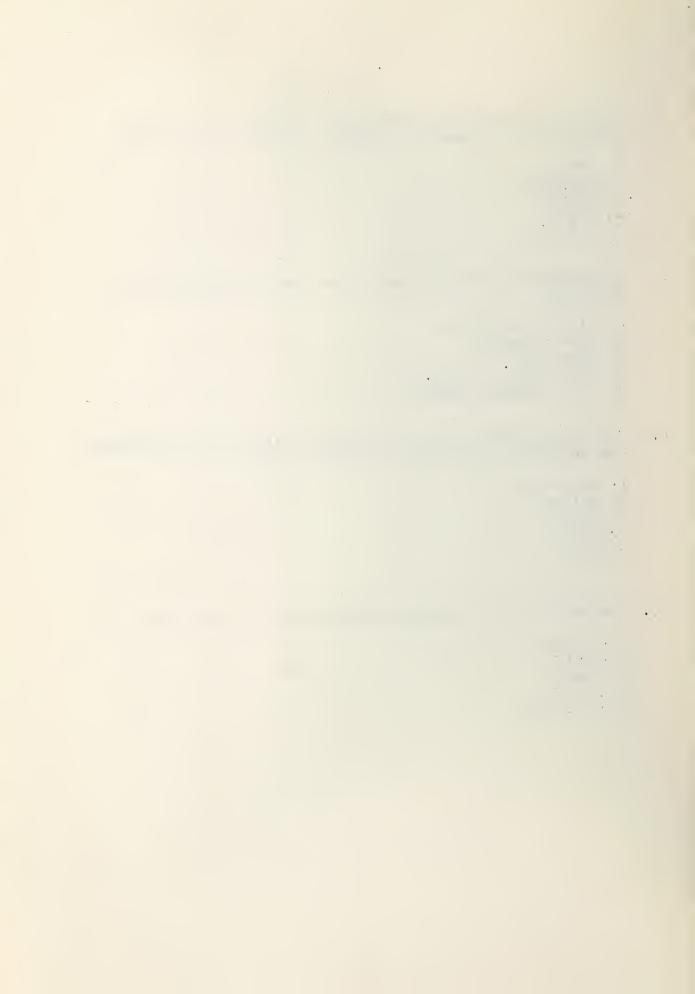


- Who shared with Thomas Masaryk a leading part in the 32. development of Czechoslovakia?
 - 1. Benes
 - 2. Bratianu
 - 3. Horthy
 - 4. Kemal
 - 5. Molotov.
- 33. Responsible government was first put into practice in Canada by
 - 1. Sir Guy Carleton
 - Lord Sydenham
 Lord Elgin

 - 4. Sir John A. Macdonald
 - 5. W.L. McKenzie King.
- Who enlisted the aid of Germany and Italy in overthrowing 34. the republican government of his country
 - Schusnigg
 Molotov

 - 3. Franco 4. Petain

 - 5. Benes
- 35. The leader of the Bolshevik Revolution in 1917 was
 - 1. Rasputin
 - 2. Stalin
 - 3. Zhukov
 - 4. Lenin
 - 5. Karl Marx



- One of the reasons for the workingmen's revolt of 1848, in France, was a streading of the ideas of: 36.
 - l. sosialism
 - 2. imperialism
 - 3. fascism
 - 4. nationalism
 - 5. nazism.
- An association formed for the purpose of changing conditions 37. imposed by the treaties closing World War I was the
 - 1. United Nations
 - 2. Rome-Berlin axis
 - 3. Little Entente
 - 4. British Commonwealth of Nations
 - 5. U.S.S.R.
- 38. One evil effect of the mcrcantile system was that it
 - 1. encouraged a selfish nationalism
 - 2. resulted in free trade

 - caused higher duties on exports
 lcd to the substitution of barter for money exchange.
- Which of the following has operated generally to reduce 39. prices on commodities?

 - Guild system
 Investment banking
 - 3. Mass production
 - 4. Protective tariffs 5. Social Insurance.
- The principal reason why the Industrial Revolution began in England was that England had 40.
 - developed the most influential craft guilds.
 more wealth than other European countries.

 - enjoyed a long period of peace.
 the necessary capital, labor and raw materials.
- 41. Which of the following set sside all treaties restricting their right to armements?
 - 1. Boers
 - 2. Communists
 - 3. Fascists
 - 4. Moors
 - 5. Nazis



- The alliance with the Thirteen Colonies was significant to France chiefy because she 42.
 - 1. regained possession of Louisiana
 - 2. gained American help against a European coalition 3. was thus able to strike a blow at Britain 4. regained her lost colonies in India.
- 43. The nation whose show of force in 1853 secured the first opening of Japanese ports ot foreign trade was
 - 1. Britain
 - 2. France
 - 3. China
 - 4. U.S.A.
 - 5. Germany
- 44. Mussolini's solution for the problem of coordinating the economic and political life of Italy was
 - 1. Communism
 - 2. the corporate state

 - 3. the Second Reich 4. the Third Republic
 - 5. Anschluss
- 45. One of the causes of the First World War was
 - 1. the sinking of the Lusitania.
 - 2. Germany's invasion of Russia.
 - 3. Serbia's refusal to accept arbitration of her quarrel With Austria.
 - 4. Austria's insistence on the complete acceptance of her domands on Serbia.
- The 18th century government of England was dominated by the 46. aristocracy because
 - 1. England was still a divine-right monarchy.
 - the franchise was restricted to a few.
 the House of Commons had no power.

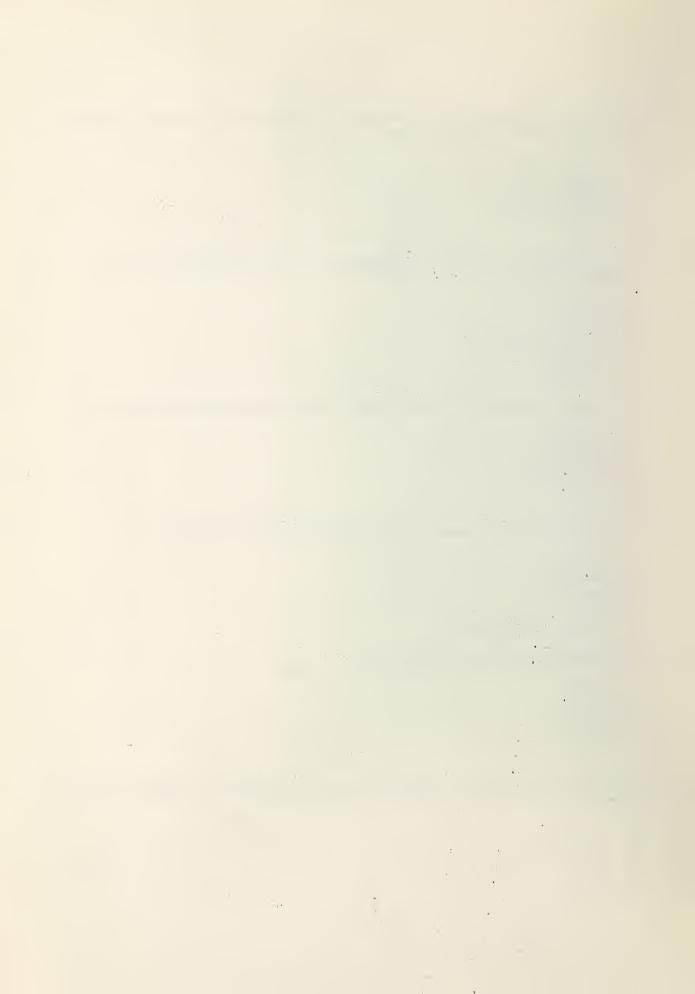
 - 4. the King had no veto over parliament.
- From 1939 to 1941 the United States' attitude to the Second 47. World War was
 - 1. armed holp
 - 2. isolation
 - 3. all help short of war
 - full participation in all was theatres.



48.	Russia	has consistently tried to secure an all-ye	ar outlet
	to the	ocean by way of the	

- 1. Black Sea
- 2. Baltic Sea
- 3. Gulf of Riga
- 4. Caspian Sea
- 5. North Sca
- 49. A city on the Strait of Bosporus at the entrance to the Black Sea is
 - 1. Paris
 - 2. Venice
 - 3. Constantinople
 - 4. Hamburg
 - 5. Antwerp
- The city situated on the Seine river in northern France is 50.
 - 1. Venice

 - 2. Antwerp3. Marseilles
 - 4. Bagdad
 - 5. Paris
- 51. An inexhaustible source of Canadian power is that of
 - 1. coal
 - 2. uranium
 - 3. gas
 - 4. oil
 - 5. hydro-electricity
- 52. The Caribbean Sea is east of
 - 1. India
 - 2. Mexico
 - 3. Spain
 - 4. Bulgaria
 - 5. Italy
- 53. Canadian production exceeds that of any other country in the world in
 - 1. wheat
 - 2. newsprint
 - 3. gold
 - 4. oil
 - 5. iron



- [4. This country borders both the Mediterranean and the Red Sea
 - . Algnamistan
 - 2. Provet
 - 3. Puniopia
 - 4 1200
 - f, mabia,
- The chief commercial highway between the Mediterranean peoples and the Far East is through the
 - I. Strait of Gibraltar
 - ? Led Soa
 - 5. Strait of Dover
 - 4. Dardanelles
 - 5. Paltic Sea.
- The East Indies are immediately east of
 - 1. India
 - 2, Muxico
 - 3. Africa
 - ... Australia
 - 5. Japan,
- The body of water separating Norway and Scotland is the :7.
 - 1. Black Sea
 - 2 Rolltic Sea
 - 3. Lugsan Soa
 - 4. Adriatic Son
 - 5. North Sea.
- 58, The largest exporter of oil and asphalt is
 - 1. Union of South Africa
 - 2. India
 - . . Eurma
 - 4, Ceylon
 - 5. Trinidad.
- 59. Coastantinople is on the
 - l. Adriatic Soa
 - 2, Strait of Bosporus
 - 3. Euphrates River
 - 4. Bay of Biscay
 - 5. Strait of Gibraltar.
- 55. The shortest commercial air route between New York and Tondon will be likely to schedule stops at
 - 1. Revifoundland
 - 2. Alasko
 - 3. Toeland b. Bermuda

 - 5. Howaid.



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- 61. The buffer state between Germany and Russia is
 - 1. Finland
 - 2. Hungary
 - 3. Latvia
 - 4. Poland
 - 5. Rumonia
- Exports of Czechoslovakia, Austria, Hungary and Rumania J2. are transported down this river
 - I. Danubo
 - 2. Dnieper
 - 3. Elbe
 - 4. Rhino
 - 5. Vistula
- 63. The late Crusading age was in which century?
 - 1. 13th century
 - 2, 14th century
 - 3. 15th century
 - 4. 16th century
 - 5. 17th century.
- 64. which event occurred first?
 - 1, French Revolution
 - 2. Discovery of America
 - 3. The Crusades
 - 4. Defeat of the spanish Armada
 - 5. Crimean War.
- 65. Germany lost her colonial empire
 - 1. before 1750
 - 2. between 1750 and 1800 3. between 1800 and 1850

 - /r. between 1850 and 1900
 - 5. since 1900
- 1.1. The National Socialist regime in Germany was destroyed
 - 1. before 1871
 - 2. between 1971 and 1985
 - 3. between 1985 and 1918 4. between 1918 and 1939

 - 5. since 1939.

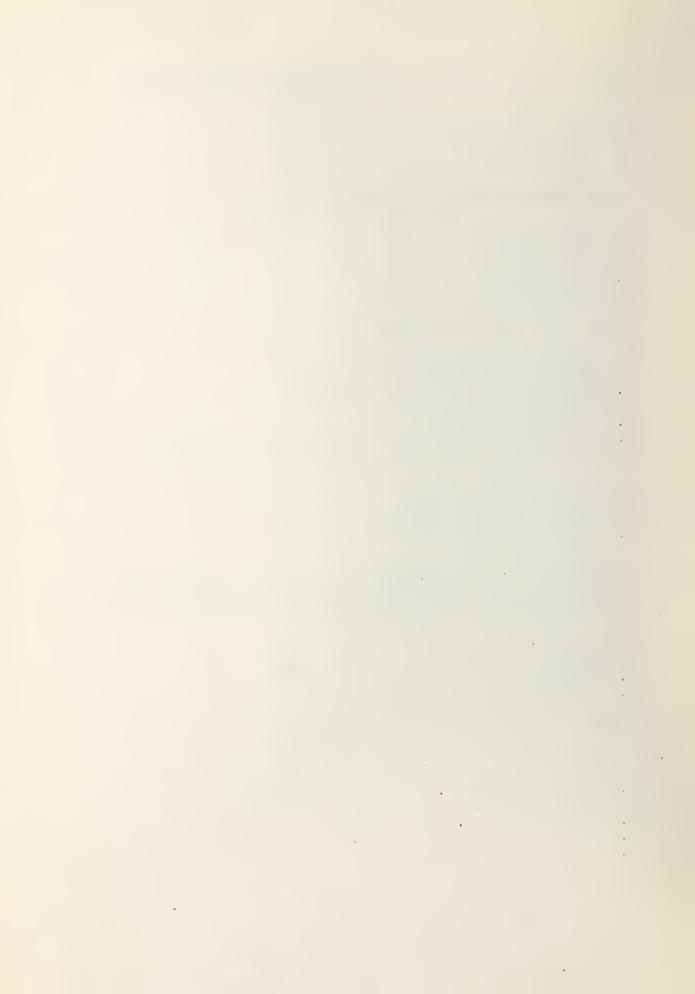


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- The countries of Western Europe were in which stage of 67. economic development at the close of the Middle Ages?
 - 1. Industrial
 - 2. Handicraft
 - 3. Agricultural
 - 4. Pastoral
- 68. Queen Victoria reigned in which century?
 - 1. 15th century
 - 2. 16th century
 - 3. 17th century 4. 18th century

 - 5. 19th century
- 69. Which event occurred first?
 - 1. British North America Act
 - 2. American Revolution
 - 3. Boer War
 - 4. Bolshevik Revolution
 - 5. Congress of Vienna
- 70. The 1st (Great) Reform Bill was passed in England

 - before 1750
 between 1750 and 1800
 - 3. between 1800 and 1850
 - 4. between 1850 and 1900
 - 5. since 1900
- 71. Which people had met with most success in establishing a colonial empire in the New World by the middle of the 16 th century?
 - 1. English
 - 2. French
 - 3. Portugueso
 - 4. Spanish
- 72. Which was carliest in point of time?
 - 1. Discovery of fire.
 - 2. Use of motals.
 - 3. Picture writing.
 - 4. Domestication of the horse.
 - 5. Manufacture of clay pottery.



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73. Which event occurred last?

- 1. British North America Act.
- 2. American Revolution.
- 3. Boer War.
- 4. Bolshevik Revolution.
- 5. Congress of Vienna.

The rule of the Tsars in Russia was overthrown 74.

- 1. before 1971
- 2. betwoon 1371 and 1900
- 3. between 1900 and 1918
- 4. between 1918 and 1939
- 5. since 1939

Western democracies failed to keep the peace by 75. "appeasing" aggressor nations

- 1. before 1871 2. between 1871 and 1885 3. between 1885 and 1918 4. between 1918 and 1939

- 5. since 1939.



APPENDIX B

Raw data resultant from the testing program used in this study.

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- D D.R.S. Directed Reading Score.
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- G S.M.S. Sentence Meaning Score.
- H Para.C.S. Paragraph Comprehension Score
- I U.I.S. Use of Index Score.
- J S.K.W.S. Selection of Key Words Score.
- K S.S.U.S. Social Studies Concepts Score.

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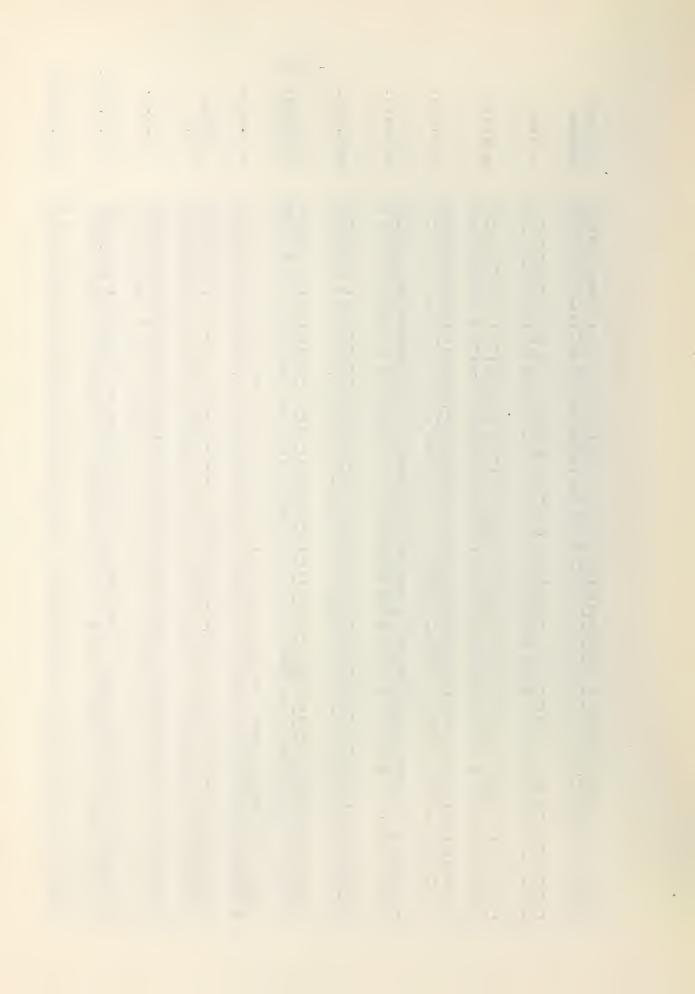


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